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Wood-Boring Machine.

We show in the accompanying engraving a wood-boring machine, designed by Messrs. Richards & Atkinson, of Manchester, England, and 615 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., for the London and Southwestern Railway Company, and constructed by Messrs. W. B. Bement & Son, of Philadelphia.

The machine has several features not embodied hitherto in what may be called car-shop boring machinery, the spindles being arranged in such a manner that gear wheels are dispensed with. Consequently the machine is noiseless, even at the high speed of 1500 revolutions of the spindles in a minute. The three spindles are of steel, 2 inches in diameter, and are provided with a traversing adjustment of sufficient range to bore at any point on the top of timbers to 12 inches square. The main feature of the machine, however, is that the timber is fed along to the right or left by power. Mr. Adams, who is one of the most distinguished among English locomotive superintendents, in refitting the works of the London and Southwestern Railway Company, at Nine Elms, London, has taken some pains to select an efficient set of machines for wood-working, and, in his instructions to Messrs. Richards & Atkinson, has called attention to the fact that in boring wood, common machines do no more than drive the augers into the wood, leaving the greater part of the labor—that is, handling and adjusting the timber—to be done by hand. The present machine was accordingly arranged with power feeding devices, controlled by friction clutches in such a manner that pieces can be moved at pleasure, to the right or left, the ends being supported on a series of roller stands, not shown in the engraving. For short pieces that require to be clamped, the table seen in front is laid up on the feed rollers, no other change being required, so that a minute's time serves to alter from long to short pieces. The weight of the machine is over 2 tons.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

The death of a young German engineer at Dresden, caused by poisoning by

WATER COLORS CONTAINING ARSENIC, ought to be a warning to all who use such colors to abstain from quite a common practice—that of pointing the brush by turning it between the lips. It appears that the young man in question was in the habit of doing this when drafting, and that his sudden death was directly traceable to poisoning by arsenic. The colors used by him—manufactured by Chénal, of Paris—yielded, upon chemical examination, the following percentages of arsenic:

Colored sepia.....	1.10
Natural ".....	0.98
Burnt sienna.....	1.76
Sienna.....	2.53
Vandyck brown.....	0.81
Brown ochre.....	0.52
Vesuvius green.....	0.89
Reddish brown.....	2.15

Great caution is, therefore, necessary.

Some time since we referred to the

PLATINUM-IRIDIUM ALLOY manufactured by Messrs. Johnson, Mathew & Co., of London. Messrs. H. St. Clair Deville and E. Mascart have, according to the *Comptes Rendus*, analyzed the alloy intended for the international weights, with the following results:

	I.	II.
Platinum.....	89.40	89.48
Iridium.....	10.16	10.28
Rhodium.....	0.18	0.16
Ruthenium.....	0.10	0.10
Iron.....	0.06	0.06
	99.90	99.96

The density of the first alloy was found to be 21.508, which calculation yielded 21.510; that of the second was 21.515 and 21.516, respectively.

Since the war of the Rebellion, when balloons were first used for military purposes, they have been regarded as of value in warfare. An improvement in

BALLOONS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

has, according to *Engineering*, been recently suggested by Mr. C. Board, of Bristol, England, whose chief object has been to make them more portable than they have been hitherto, and to prevent their rapid collapse if pierced by an enemy's fire. He proposes to build them, not, as usual, in one piece, but in parts, like the separate portions of an orange. Each of these parts is small enough to be conveyed in an inflated condition without inconvenience, and can be put together in a much shorter time than would be necessary to fill an ordinary balloon with gas. Pure hydrogen, which has a lifting power of 74 pounds per 1000 cubic feet, is used for filling, so that the volume of the balloon is as small as practicable. Mr. Board has suggested other methods aiming at the same object, but so modified as to permit transportation under such circumstances as those presented by the Zulu campaign.

In the *Chemical News* Dr. Grossmann gives the results of some experiments made on a large scale to test

CLARK'S PROCESS FOR SOFTENING MAGNESIA.

HARD WATER. He made trials to soften the water, both with milk of lime and with lime water, and found that with the former the hardness was reduced from 23.3 degrees to an average of

5.4 degrees. With lime water, which has the advantage of requiring less agitating, the reduction was carried in three experiments to an average of 3.5 degrees. The softened water settled perfectly clear after three to five hours, so it was fully proved that magnesia-hard water softens as well and as easily by Clark's process as ordinary lime-hard water. It may be of interest to add that Dr. Grossmann believes the hardness test with soap solution to be defective when applied to water hardened by the solution of magnesia, the results being too high.

Two San Francisco engineers, Messrs. Molera and Cebrian, are the inventors of a

NEW SYSTEM OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING, which in construction resembles the Higgins lamp, recently described in *The Iron Age*. Only one lamp is used to illuminate a large number of apartments. The lamp is placed near the generator of electricity and surrounded by lenses and reflectors, forming a chamber of light. These lenses are to concentrate the light into as many beams of

like his brother, a prominent electrician and inventor, has published in the *Verhandl. z. Bef. d. Gewerbl.* a valuable application of his

REGENERATIVE SYSTEM FOR GAS LIGHT. Starting from the fact that the intensity of the light is increased by an increase in the temperature of combustion, he designed a number of different styles of lamps in which the air for the combustion of gas is heated by the waste gases, the supply of air being regulated by the currents produced by the difference of temperature of the air, the gas and the products of combustion. The lamp consists of three iron tubes of suitable diameters, placed one within the other, the upper portion of the lamp being inclosed in a spherical globe. The entire space inclosed by the different tubes is filled with wire netting, constituting what Mr. Siemens calls regenerators, and which serve for absorbing the heat of the products of combustion and for giving it off to the gas and the air for burning the latter. The central tube is used for conveying the gas, which enters it from below. The air is admitted from below

A Sketch of the History of Hot-Blast Brick Stoves.

As an introduction to a paper describing the present construction of the Siemens-Cowper-Cochrane hot-blast stoves (see *The Iron Age*, May 1, 1879), Mr. John M. Hartman has contributed to the "Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers" a sketch of the history of brick stoves, as indicated by successive patents granted both in this country and in England.

On May 19, 1857, an English patent was granted to E. A. Cowper for heating air or other gases under pressure, by means of a regenerator inclosed in an air-tight iron case, having between the regenerator and case a lining of brick. This patent provided for heating the stoves by a separate furnace, or by gas direct from the blast furnace. A number of forms of interior arrangement of the brickwork are shown in the drawings; also hollow poppet valves with hollow stems, and a pipe inside of the

sages of sufficient size to allow a brush to pass through and clean them. These passages had slight projections on the sides, to turn the air over and over as it passed through. A claim also covered the use of horizontal passages connected at each end alternately, and the use of blasts or jets of air or steam to clean the stoves. This patent was taken out in this country.

July 8, 1871, an English patent was granted to Thomas Whitwell for a cup under the poppet valves of regenerative stoves, to catch the mud deposited in the valve by the water and keep it away from the valve face. This patent was taken out in this country.

March 23, 1872, an English patent was granted to E. A. Cowper for arranging the regenerators of fire-brick stoves, whereby the flame passed up and down through the regenerators a number of times. The area of the first passage is large, and that of the subsequent passages smaller, the surface being increased by placing more openings of the same size in the passage. The larger area permits more complete combustion, and the smaller areas provide increased surface to take up the heat. By this arrangement the gas or air passed in the same direction along two or more adjacent walls or partitions. This patent is now being taken out in this country.

August 27, 1872, an English patent was granted to Thomas Whitwell for upright regenerator walls stayed by cross walls, and with cleaning doors on the top and underneath the stove. The air for the combustion of the gas was also heated by passing it through the hollow walls of the regenerator. This patent was taken out in this country.

May 8, 1874, an English patent was granted to Cowper and Cowper for the construction of a cylindrical regenerative stove, with an ascending circular flue or combustion chamber near to one side of the interior of the stove, in combination with a regenerator occupying the remainder of the interior of the stove. The flue and regenerator are so placed that the distances traversed by the air or gas are equal, or nearly so. The apertures of the regenerator passages at the top are narrowed, to equalize the distribution of the air or gas. This patent was taken out in this country.

May 16, 1876, an English patent was granted to Thomas Whitwell for regenerative stoves, with walls or partitions so arranged as to divide the current of air and cause it to pass in the same direction along two or more adjacent walls or partitions. Also for the use of cast-iron pipe on the chimney side of the stove, to take up the heat lost at the chimney. This patent was taken out in this country, but the cast-iron pipe is omitted in the American patent.

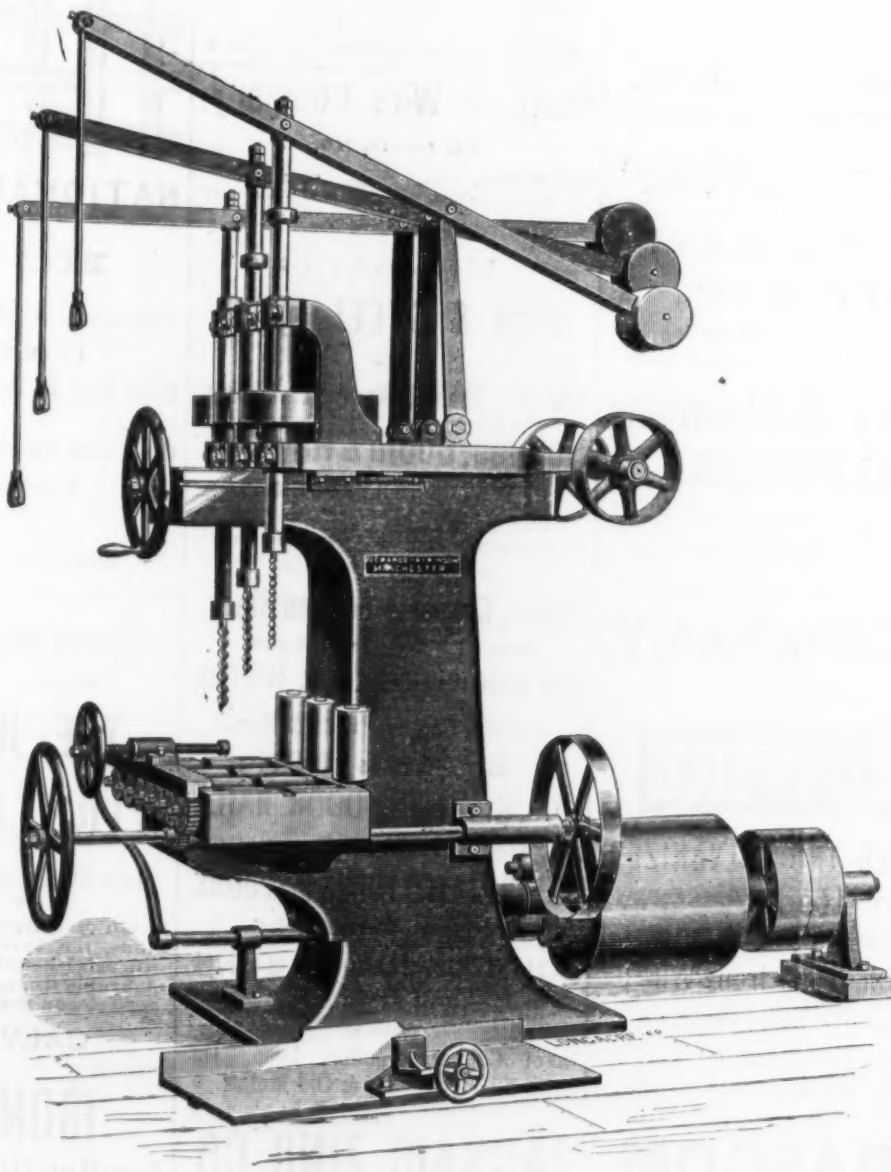
October 24, 1877, an American patent was granted to Thomas Whitwell for a water-cooled slide valve, with a detachable valve-seat having a coil cast in it. The valve-disk has also a coil cast in it, and the valve-face is placed at an angle to the body to cause the valve to lie on the face.

The patents recently granted and now pending in connection with the Siemens-Cowper-Cochrane stoves, are improvements in slide valves and the use of compound nozzles to decrease the number of attachments to the stoves; the use of interlocking regenerative brick, and the utilization of the waste tuyere water to wash the gas; improvements in gas washing and the use of overhead flues, with cleaning doors; the use of piston-surfing valves for cleaning the stoves, and improvements in the pipe conveying the hot blast to the furnace, and finally the use of an equilibrium valve, worked by a clock attachment, to equalize the temperature of the blast during a blow.

The first Cowper stoves could not be cleaned on account of the brick of the regenerator being laid with interstices between them, but with no continuous passage from top to bottom. The stoves worked well when new. The next step was to keep the dust out of the stoves by using large settling chambers, containing shelves for catching the gas dust. This helped the stove, but the chambers made additional expense, and they have since been abandoned.

The next improvement consisted in making numerous vertical passages with thin walls in the regenerator, which could be cleaned with a brush, or by jets of air or steam. Still later the vertical combustion chamber was placed on one side of the regenerator, causing the gas and air to travel the same distance in the stove. The diameter of the stove was diminished and the height increased, which cheapened the stove and gave a better distribution of gas or air over the whole surface of the regenerator.

Judge Blatchford, in the United States Circuit Court, on the 22d, granted a preliminary injunction against the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, restraining them from making a certain improvement in the insulation of submarine cables, and from constructing or using wires so insulated, except those already in use by the company. The suit was instituted by Clinton G. Colgate, who holds the letters patent granted to George Simpson for a gutta-percha insulator, and who claims that the Gold and Stock Company have infringed this patent. In a similar suit, some time since, against the Western Union Telegraph Company, in the same court, the patent was held to be valid, Judge Blatchford has referred the present case to Joseph Gutman to take testimony.



RICHARDS & ATKINSON'S WOOD-BORING MACHINE.

parallel rays as may be required, which beams are then carried through pipes in the street or house to the places to be illuminated. At the bends reflectors are arranged to change the direction of the beam, and where light is wanted for one apartment, and the beam still has duty to perform in an adjoining room, only a part of the beam is bent in the first apartment. The inventors declare that they have produced 195 separate lights with a 20-horse-power engine, at a cost less than one-twentieth that of gas. The *Mining and Scientific Press* illustrates and describes an elaborate system of reflectors, by which the workings of mines are to be illuminated from one large lamp placed above ground.

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Mr. F. Siemens, of Dresden, Germany,

into the annular space between the central and the second tube, while the hot products of combustion descend through the annular space between the second and the third tube. By this means the heat absorbed by the wire netting in the outer tube will be conducted and reflected to the two inner ones, and serve to heat air and gas and increase the intensity of the flame. The products of combustion rise upward within the space inclosed by the glass globe, and then descend along its sides, until they reach the annular space of the regenerator, without impeding the flow of air or gas. Mr. Siemens has constructed the lamp in such a manner that the regenerator, having a disk shape, serves as a reflector at the same time. While the construction of these lamps is not such as to make the system readily applicable to single burner lights, it is destined to enlarge or maintain within certain limits the ground which has been rapidly losing in its competition with the electric light for the illumination of large spaces.

Proposals for Military Supplies.—Assistant Quartermaster-General D. H. Rucker has called for proposals, to be received until noon, Aug. 20, at the Quartermaster's office, Philadelphia, for the following articles: 10,000 ax-helms, to be delivered at Jeffersonville, Ind.; and 7500 pounds screw wire, 2700 pounds Swedes lasting tacks, 2½-oz., 19,250 pounds Swedes nails of various kinds, 3550 pounds American nails, square cut, ½, No. 12, and 40,000 gilt buckles, to be delivered at Philadelphia.

stem for circulating the water; the valve seats have coil cast in them for water circulation to keep them cool; slide valves, with snake coil cast in the disks, are shown, and the use of cold air for cooling the valves is also described. The combustion chamber of these stoves was central, and openings were provided at the top and bottom to get into the stoves. These Cowper stoves are all circular in section.

November 10, 1865, an English patent was granted to Thomas Whitwell for regenerative stoves for heating air or gas, provided with cleaning openings at the top and bottom capable of being closed with fire-brick plugs and doors. The drawings show a rectangular stove inclosed in an iron case. The interior brickwork has numerous up-and-down passages through the stove, but there is no claim on the interior construction.

March 3, 1868, an English patent was granted to Charles Cochran for a slide valve to be subjected to high heats. The disk of this valve was hollow, and had a circulation of water through it by the two hollow stems that operated it. The valve seat was detachable, and had a coil cast in it through which water circulated. The valve and seat were placed on an incline to the body, to cause the valve disk to lie on the valve seat. A cap was placed on the bottom of the body to get at the interior readily.

January 5, 1870, an English patent was granted to Siemens, Cowper and Cochran for the construction of regenerators in fire-brick stoves, with numerous vertical pas-

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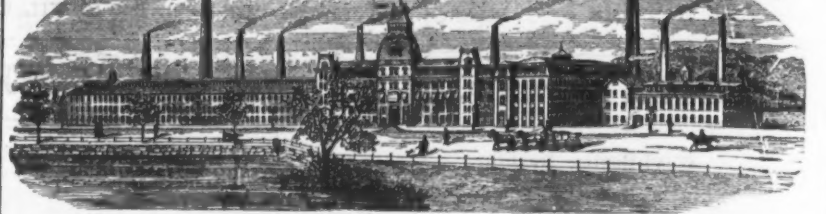
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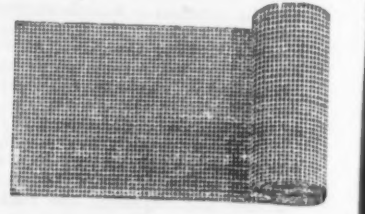
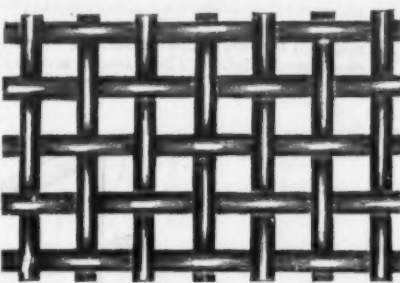
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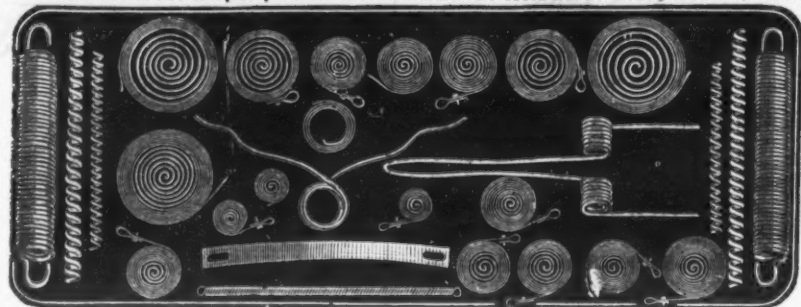
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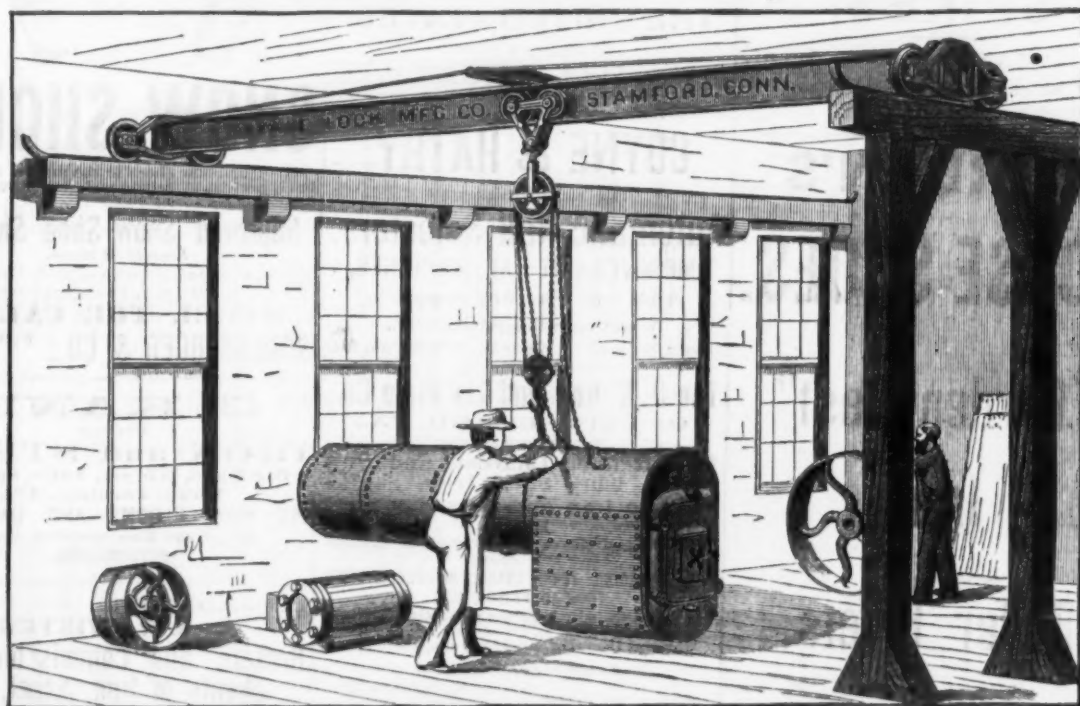
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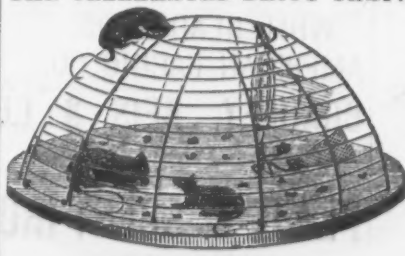
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Test of the Pumping Engines at Nashville.

The Deane pumping engines, at Nashville, Tenn., have been recently tested by two well-known hydraulic engineers, Messrs. Lane and Worthen. The tests were made under somewhat unfavorable circumstances. The water was very low in the river and its temperature very high, ranging from 88° to 90° F. Below we give the report of the engineer:

To the Mayor and City Council of Nashville.—GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to your request, and having been furnished by you with the contract with Messrs. Dean Bros., we have made the requisite test to determine whether the pumping engines furnished by these parties comply with the provisions of the contract.

Under our direction a weir has been put in the reservoir to determine the capacity of the pumps and measures arranged to ascertain the quantity of water evaporated by the boilers and the quality of the steam. In addition, all necessary tests and checks have been employed to secure accuracy of results.

The preparations having been completed, we commenced our experiments with the river, or north engine, July 11, at 11 a. m., and closed at 11 p. m., and on the 12th we tested the south engine during the same hours. The first six hours in each test was for a delivery into the reservoir, but the last six hours was under stand-pipe pressure. Both days water was forced over the top of the stand-pipe. On the 13th the north engine delivered for about two hours at the reservoir, and for about six hours into the city, under a stand-pipe pressure of from 80 to 90 pounds on the upper water gauge.

On the 14th the south engine was tested by delivering into the city under similar stand-pipe pressure.

Having completed the test, we now respectfully report that, agreeably to the terms of the contract, the delivery of the north engine for 12 hours was at the rate of 4,068,000 gallons per 24 hours, and the duty was 61,394,000 pounds feet per 100 pounds of coal thrown on the grates.

That the delivery of the south engine was at the rate of 5,063,800 gallons per 24 hours, and the duty 63,859,000 pounds feet per 100 pounds of coal thrown on the grates.

We have also compared the machines in detail with the requirements, and we find that the pumping engines furnished by Messrs. Dean Bros. comply with the contract, although the capacity of the north engine, as shown above, is a trifle below the specified rate of 5,000,000, as there were many hours during the test in which this was exceeded.

We have been requested to give an opinion as to the durability of these pumping engines. They were designed to give a fair average duty at a very low first cost. We have given particular attention to their workings under the stand-pipe pressure to which they will be incident; they have exhibited no signs of weakness in their parts, and work with great quietness. The parts are well proportioned, and we see no reason why they should not for many years prove good and serviceable machines. It was observed, during the trials of the 11th and 12th inst., that, owing to the low stage of the river and the high temperature of the water, the vacuums in both engines were somewhat unsteady, and from the same cause a portion of the injection had to be taken from the rising main. It was therefore thought advisable to try the engines as non-condensing, and for the purpose the valves in the air pumps were removed and the steam was permitted to exhaust freely through the waste-water pipe leading from the hot well.

The north engine was tried under these conditions on the 13th and the south engine on the 14th. The results have been so satisfactory to us in the quietness of action of the engines and economy of working, that we should advise that they be so run, when the same conditions of the river obtain as at present. It may be observed here that, had the river been higher and the water cooler, the engines run as on the 11th and 12th inst. would have given higher results and duties.

By request we have looked at your present system of pipe distribution, and find it to be like all old systems inaugurated when the necessities of household and industrial economies were much less than at present—very deficient in the size of its mains, and it would be a profitable investment to remodel the system by increasing sizes and by supplementary mains. Respectfully submitted,
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This report is of especial interest when taken in connection with the following preamble and resolutions, which were presented to the Water Works Committee shortly before the tests were completed. At the meeting the resolutions were adopted, but the preamble was stricken out:

Whereas, Citizens residing in the higher portions of the city are unable to obtain the necessary amount of water for cooking purposes, and
Whereas, It is believed that a stand-pipe pressure turned upon the city will force a full and complete supply of water to all parts of the city and satisfy the demands of our citizens; and
Whereas, An idea prevails in the minds of some of the officers in charge of the Water Works Department, that a full stand-pipe pressure upon the city will burst many if not all the pipes, and
Whereas, It is believed by the Water Works Committee that the sole intention of building said stand-pipe was to enable the citizens in the higher portions of the city to obtain an ample supply of water; and
Whereas, Said intention and purpose are about to be defeated by the influence and advice of some over-prudent and timid officers of the corporation; and
Whereas, It is believed by this committee that it would be better to burst every water pipe in the city rather than fail to supply our citizens with an ample amount of water, after so large an expenditure of money for the water-works improvements and so many promises made as to what "the new stand-pipe would do;" therefore, be it

Resolved, By this committee, That the gentlemen now conducting the experimental test of the Dean engines be and they are hereby respectfully requested to give to the citizens of Nashville, at such time as will best suit their convenience and least interfere with the plan of their test of said engines, a full stand-pipe pressure upon the pipes leading from the reservoir to the city; that is to say, they are requested to run said engines with steam power sufficient to force the water to the top of the stand-pipe, opening at the same time all valves leading from the reservoir to the city, so as to force the water through said pipes to the highest possible point regardless of the bursting of the pipes by said pressure; said stand-pipe pressure

to remain upon the city at least 15 consecutive hours.

Be it further Resolved, That no officer of the corporation shall interfere or attempt to prevent the full and literal execution of the foregoing resolution.

Be it further Resolved, That the secretary of this committee transmit a copy of these resolutions to Messrs. Lane & Worthen.

A copy of the resolutions was immediately taken to the water works by Messrs. Lusk and Kuhn, where the test was going on, with some 500 persons in attendance.

In accordance with the resolution, the valves were opened, and about six o'clock the amount of steam necessary to throw water to the top of the stand-pipe turned on, and persons living in the higher portions of the city report that they received from their hydrants a bold stream of water. During the trial the water was frequently thrown over the top of the stand-pipe for considerable periods of time and presented a very beautiful appearance falling as it did from a height of something like 275 feet.

The adoption of the resolution was thought necessary, from the fact that Superintendent Wyatt believed a full pressure would cause a number of water pipes in the city to burst.

There now seems to be no doubt in the minds of the city officials that the engines will be accepted.

An English View of American Competition.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: In the third number of this year's reports of her Majesty's secretaries of Embassy and Legation, there is a most interesting report by Mr. Drummond upon the trade and industry of the United States. "Everything that can possibly be thought of is," he says, "being carried out to obtain foreign markets for United States products and manufactures," but thus far it is chiefly in provisions and breadstuffs that an expansion of foreign trade has taken place. In 1878, as compared with 1877, the increase in steel manufacture was only 55,916 pounds, and in cotton manufactures it amounted to no more than 255,788 pounds. In heavy machinery his opinion is that the States cannot compete with us, but in the smaller articles they run us a close race, for this reason: "The Americans endeavor to combine strength with lightness, while we look only to strength; notice the locomotives and cars, American implements and tools which have beautiful finish and lightness, and are more convenient than ours. Take American and English scythes as an instance. I find that the American only weigh a little over two pounds, and having a good curve and polish under the surface, are handier and cut easier and closer than the English, which weigh nearly five pounds, and are broad, straight and rough, just as the hammer leaves them." This is a matter to which Dr. Drummond rightly thinks our manufacturers should give immediate attention, and the other point he urges upon them is the necessity of looking to the purity of our goods, as the Americans are making a great feature of this in their attempts to secure a footing in foreign markets. If these things are looked to, Mr. Drummond is confident of our ability to hold our own. "We have the advantage in England in our existing extensive mills and machinery, in the cheapness of living for our workmen, who can accept a smaller wage than here, and particularly are we fortunate in the immense number of our skilled hands for manual labor, but perhaps unfortunate in having too many unskilled. If our manufacturers can reduce the cost and expenses of production, look to the superiority in the quality of their goods and wares, be satisfied with small returns, show a desire to make the welfare and happiness of the workmen their own, and they mutually work with energy, I feel sure we shall see happy times again in our manufacturing population."

Wythe County, Va., Iron Ores.—Mr. James Aumann, of the University of Virginia, has made the following analyses of ores from Cripple Creek, Wythe County, where considerable bodies, easily accessible, are said to exist:

	Black ore.	Red ore.	Yellow ore.
Oxide of iron.....	83.07	79.35	68.30
Alumina.....	2.32	5.89	11.53
Water.....	12.60	11.72	10.83
Silica.....	1.50	2.73	9.87
Magnesia.....	trace.	trace.	100.01
Total.....	99.44	99.69	100.00
Metallic iron.....	58.15	55.54	47.82
Roasted ore.....	67.23	63.14	53.08

Mr. Aumann reports that not a trace of phosphorus or sulphur was found in any of the ores, which we believe were washed specimens, as the hematites found at Cripple Creek are associated with clay. It is stated by a writer in the *Wytheville Enterprise* that ores high in manganese are also found near Cripple Creek.

To Test Glue.—An article of glue which will stand damp atmosphere is a desideratum among mechanics. Few know how to judge of quality, except by the price they pay for it. But price is no criterion; neither is color, upon which so many depend. Its adhesive and lasting properties depend more upon the material from which it is made, and the method of securing purity in the raw material, for if that is inferior and not well cleansed, the product will have to be unduly charged with alum or some other antiseptic, to make it keep during the drying process. Weathered glue is that which has experienced unfavorable weather while drying, at which time it is rather a delicate substance. To resist damp atmosphere well, it should contain as little saline matter as possible. When buying the article, venture to apply your tongue to it, and if it tastes salt or acid, reject it for anything but the commonest purpose. The same operation will also bring out any bad smell the glue may have. These are simple and ready tests, and are the ones usually adopted by dealers and large consumers. Another good test is to soak a weighed portion of dry glue in cold water for 24 hours, then dry again, and weigh. The nearer it approaches to its original weight the better glue it is, thereby showing its degree of insolubility.

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The following discussion in the Pittsburgh
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it is pithy. From the statements made we
get a glimpse of the true inwardness of the
water-works muddle. In spite of the
seriousness of the matter, one can hardly
refrain from laughing at the whole affair,
so childish does the course of the people
seem. The following is a report of the dis-
cussion:

Mr. Meyran called the attention of the
meeting to the condition of the city's water
supply, and said the Chamber should take
some action in regard to it.

Mr. Anderson said he would like to
have some investigation made into the
gross mismanagement that existed some-
where among those who had charge of the
water works.

Mr. Dravo said there had been fearful dilly-
dallying between the parties interested in
these water works, by which our property,
in case of fire, has been jeopardized, as well
as the health of the whole community. He
hoped the board would get some one com-
petent to discuss the water supply of our
city before the next quarterly meeting of the
Chamber.

Mr. Miller—I have already said so much on
this subject, and been so smartly rapped over
the knuckles for it, that I don't know whether
I ought to say anything more about it or not;
but I will say this, that irrespective of any-
body connected or interested in it, it is a dis-
grace to the city, and a city of mechanics, at
that. Look at the vast amount of capital
lying idle, giant engines useless, and batteries
of boilers that will rust before they are used.
It has been going on for years at our expense,
and there does not seem to be any change or
improvement.

In reply to an invitation from the Chair,
Mr. Young, a member of the Water Com-
mittee, made a few remarks, in which he said:
"The main thing now agitating the present
Water Committee is to make another con-
nection with Hiland Reservoir, and to do
this, they must either beg, borrow or steal
the necessary funds."

Chair—Is the lower part of the city now
supplied from the Hiland avenue reservoir?
Mr. Young—Yes; but it is through the
Bedford street basin, for, owing to the size
of the pipes, it is not supplied directly from
the Hiland reservoir. There are many
changes to be made in street mains; the
Smithfield street main is now so small that
it does not properly supply the wants of
property owners along that street. The
trouble, however, now is to find a suitable
route from the Hiland Reservoir to the lower
part of the city, and though various ones
have been suggested, none have been decided
upon. The connections necessary will cost
at least \$150,000. The present Water Com-
mittee are doing their best to solve the
problem.

President Moorhead—I have learned a
great deal from the remarks of Mr. Young,
and I want to make a few statements based
on experience. Nothing has bothered me so
much for years as these water works, for I
was one of the commissioners connected
with it in its earliest days. From the re-
marks of the gentleman of the Water Com-
mittee, I have had one fact firmly estab-
lished in my mind, and it is that when the
full pressure of water from the Hiland
Avenue Reservoir is turned on it will burst
everything before it. It is ruin from the
start. As it is now, we who reside in the
lower part of the city get our water from
Hiland Avenue Reservoir through the Bed-
ford street basin, and why? Because our
water mains cannot stand the pressure of
water. I saw this long ago. I, with others,
was appointed to see this thing in its incip-
ency. We secured the best hydraulic en-
gineers as well as mechanical engineering talent in the
United States. Mr. Cheesborough, of Chi-
cago, with other engineers, located the
Hiland Avenue Reservoir, as well as the Bri-
lliant Hill Reservoir, the latter to serve as an
intermediate basin. At that time Henry
Lloyd, who was president of the commission,
asked me to take the chairmanship of the
Committee to construct the water works. I
told him I would, but when I found out that
councils were to manipulate the thing, I
threw it up. I told them, however, that for
\$2,500,000 I could erect the water works and
reservoirs, and have them completed in two
years. About this time this man Lowry
loomed up, who has a mania for ponderous
machinery, giant engines and such things.
They abandoned Brilliant Hill Reservoir,
after the work had been commenced on it,
and foreseeing the danger that has been
spoken of to-day, I went to councilmen and
pleaded with them. I told them it would
ruin every bit of plumbing in the lower part
of the city, and it will so eventually prove.
We have these giant engines useless now,
and what will we do with them?

I would favor going back to the com-
mencement if we must, and begin now by
throwing them out, for it would be cheaper
in the end. This whole affair is the worst
piece of mismanagement I have ever met with
in my public life.
Mr. Anderson said that Col. Werrell, one
of the best hydraulic engineers in the coun-
try, said the people of Pittsburgh were the
greatest fools he ever saw to squander so
much money for such monster engines. He
said that he could have purchased a pair of
Cornish pumping engines for \$50,000 apiece,
and whose merits are known all over
Europe, and that they would have pumped
water enough for our city for 30 years to
come. He said then that it would eventually
ruin our city, and it is so now. I know it is
a bungled job—we all know it—and no sane
man can deny it.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Meyran,
Dravo, McIntosh and Miller as a committee
to investigate the facts regarding the matter
discussed, and report at the next meeting
of the Chamber, which will be held the first
Monday in September.

**The Production of Pig Iron in the
North of England.**—The production of
pig iron in the North of England has, ac-
cording to the returns of the Cleveland Iron
Makers' Association, been decreased 204,674
tons in the first six months of 1879, com-
pared with the corresponding period of 1878.
The production in the first half of 1878 was
1,022,220 tons, and in the first half of 1879

it was 817,546 tons. This is a reduction of
20 per cent. in the output of the Cleveland
district. The half year just closed was
commenced with a total stock of 337,337
tons of Cleveland iron, while at the close
only 295,491 tons were held, the reduction
being 41,846 tons, or a little less than 12½
per cent. Of 165 furnaces built in the dis-
trict, only 84 are now in blast.

The Old Ferries of New York.

The Jersey City Ferry dates its existence
back to the year 1764, when two periaegres
(two-masted boats, pointed at both ends)
plied between Courtlandt street, New York,
and Paulus Hook, Jersey City, landing about
where Grand street now is. The establish-
ing of a ferry at that point was then deemed
a great public convenience in connection
with the stage route to Philadelphia. It was
also considered a good speculation, and three
years later the New York Common Council
resolved to charge \$310 a year for a lease of
the ferry privileges. But at that price the
lessee found his receipts not sufficient to
meet his expenses, and long before its ex-
piration he abandoned the lease. For the
next 20 years the ferry was leased for short
terms and at decreasing rents, until, in
1789, a three years' lease was granted at
\$50 a year. But this last lessee prospered
so well that when his lease expired the City
Fathers charged him \$330 for a renewal,
and required him to run two large sail-boats
for teams and two row-boats for pas-
sengers, from sunrise until 9 o'clock p. m.

With an eye to the public's welfare, the
Council, in 1799, adopted a schedule of
prices to be charged for carrying passengers
and articles across the river, some of which
were: For a passenger, 6d.; a coach, 8/;
a sleigh, 2/6; horses and cattle, 1/9; a
large trunk, 1/; a small one, 2d.; barrel of
beef, &c., 1/; a plank of every kind, 1½d.;
a feather bed, 6d.; cabbages, per 100, 1/6.
These rates were regarded by Jerseymen as
a little exorbitant, so much so that they
held an indignation meeting and forwarded
their protest to the Council in New York.
It failed, however, to secure any reduction
in the tolls. In 1802 the ferry lease brought
\$2,125, and in 1804 the "Jersey Associates"
were incorporated and became the pur-
chasers.

In 1810 arrangements were made with
Robert Fulton to construct steam ferry-boats
and on the 2d of July, 1812, one named the
Jersey was put in operation. The event
was celebrated with a grand banquet given
by the Jerseymen to the New York Common
Council. A correspondent, writing to a
newspaper of the time, says:

"I crossed the North River yesterday in
the steamboat with my family in my car-
riage without alighting therefrom, in 14
minutes, with an immense crowd of pas-
sengers. On both shores were thousands of
people viewing the pleasing object. I can-
not express to you how much the public
mind appeared to be gratified at finding so
large and so safe a machine going so well."
This "large machine" was 80 feet long
and 30 feet wide.

A year later the York was put on with
the Jersey. They were supposed to run
every half-hour from sunrise until sunset,
but frequently an hour was consumed in
making a trip. The following is Fulton's
description of the boats:
"She is built of two boats, each 10 feet
beam, 80 feet long, and 5 feet deep in the
hold, which boats are distant from each
other 10 feet, confined by strong transverse
beam knees and diagonal braces, forming a
deck 30 feet wide and 80 feet long. The
propelling water-wheel is placed between
the boats to prevent it from injury from ice
and shocks on entering or approaching the
dock. The whole of the machinery being
placed between the two boats, leaves 10 feet
on the deck of each boat for carriages,
horses and cattle, &c.; the other having
seat benches and covered with an awning,
is for passengers, and there is also a passage
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vided with a stove in winter. Although the
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feet beam, yet they present sharp bows to
the water, and have only the resistance in
the water of one boat of 20 feet beam. Both
ends being alike, and each having a rudder,
she never puts about."

However, the ferry company, with its
steamboats, met with about the same suc-
cess as most of the former lessees. Its di-
vidends were few and far between, so that in
1824 it found itself wrecked financially.
With the Common Council's consent, the
lease was assigned to Samuel Swartwout &
Co., who, after a trial of about eight years,
surrendered it back to the Jersey Associates,
and by them the ferry was let to the New
Jersey Railroad and Transportation Com-
pany, which in 1853 became the owner by
purchase. The Pennsylvania Railroad Com-
pany's present lease is for 99 years.

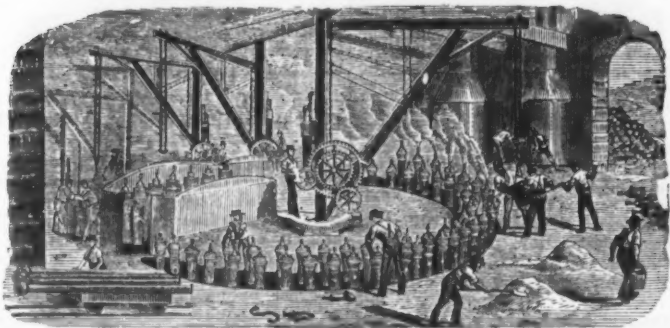
Trade with Australia.—From statistics
compiled by the Secretary of the United
States Commission to the Australian Exhi-
bitions, it appears that there were loaded in
this country for Australasia during 1878, 74
vessels, with an aggregate registered ton-
nage of 50,463 tons; of this number 56 were
from New York and 18 from Boston. Dur-
ing the first six months of the present year
there were dispatched 35 vessels, with an
aggregate registered tonnage of 25,919 tons;
of these 26 were from New York and 9 from
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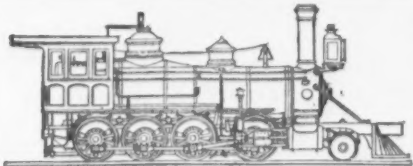
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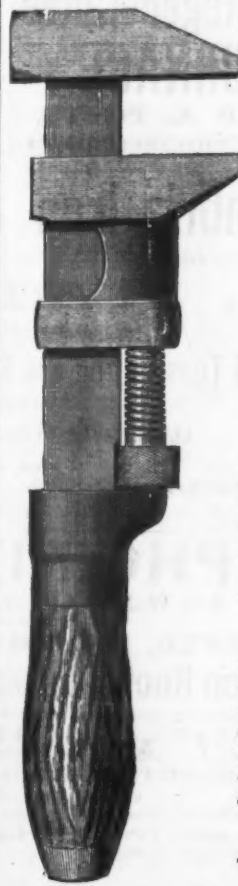
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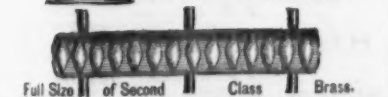
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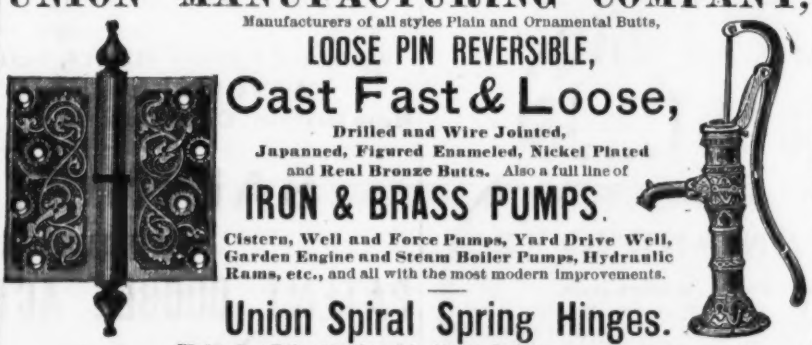
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The Australian Exhibitions.

Mr. O. M. Spencer, United States Consul
General at Melbourne, Australia, transmits
to the Department of State a very full report
of the proposed exhibitions at Sydney and
Melbourne. The first opens on the 1st of
September, 1879, and will close on the 31st
of March, 1880. That at Melbourne opens
on the 1st of October, 1880, and closes on
the 31st of March, 1881. This exhibition
will be held in the Carlton Gardens, com-
prising an area of 65 acres. Nearly all of
the leading European governments have
signified their intention of being present by
royal commissioners. All of the Australasian
colonies have entered heartily into the enter-
prise. The English government has taken
a warm and decided interest in it. The
Prince of Wales and others of the royal
family will visit the Exhibition. The Duke
of Genoa will come out in an Italian man-of-
war, and France and Germany will be re-
presented in a similar manner. The relation
which exists between the Sydney and Mel-
bourne exhibitors is one of generous rivalry
and cordial co-operation. The two cities
will soon be connected by railway. There
are several lines of steamships now plying
regularly between the two places, with low
rates for freight. The expense of transfer-
ring goods from Sydney to Melbourne will be
moderate, including storage. Goods will be
received at the latter Exhibition building on
the 1st of June, 1880.

All the usual facilities accorded at pre-
vious international fairs in other countries
will be liberally afforded at Melbourne. The
protection of inventions capable of being
patented is fully secured. Should the United
States decide not to send out a man-of-war,
it is advisable to ship all heavy goods in sail-
ing vessels, via the Cape, not later than
February, 1880. Goods from the Pacific
slope and parcels of great value and small
bulk may be shipped via San Francisco by
the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which
runs a monthly line of steamers from San
Francisco to Sydney. Show cases, shelving,
belting, &c., may be procured in Melbourne
at low rates, at the cost of the exhibitors.

Railroads of the United States in 1878.

From advance sheets of Poor's "Manual
of the Railroads of the United States," for
1878-9, we take the following data relating
to the record of construction, the gross
and net earnings, capital, funded debt, and
dividends of the railroads of this country:

For the first time for several years, a very
decided recovery of the railway interest of
the country from its recent exceedingly de-
pressed condition can be reported. During
the year ending December 31, 1878, 2694
miles of new line were opened, the total
mileage in operation in the United States at
that date being 81,841 miles. The construc-
tion of these routes has again been entered
upon with renewed activity and spirit, and
is likely to continue. As not one-half of our
public domain is yet occupied, it is fair to
assume that not one-half of our future rail-
road mileage has been built. Its construction
will proceed rapidly till we have a mileage
exceeding twice its present extent. It is
certain to keep pace for a long time, in the
older States, with the increase of their popu-
lation and of their commercial and industrial
development. In the new States and Terri-
tories the progress of our railroads keeps
pace with that of our people, supplying the
avenues through which new lands are
reached and their products sent to market.

A remarkable feature in the railroad
operations of the country for several years
past, has been the enormously increased ton-
nage in the face of a large falling off of
earnings. The decline in earnings has been
due to very great reductions in charges for
transportation. Within the last decade the
tonnage traffic of our railroads longest in
operation has been fully doubled, while
there has been only an inconsiderable in-
crease in earnings from this source. Since
1873, the year in which the earnings of our
railroads reached their maximum, the in-
crease of their tonnage has equaled 50 per
cent., although the period has been one of
unexampled business depression. At the
very time at which there has been the
greatest complaint of hard times, the move-
ment of merchandise has steadily and
largely increased. The tonnage of the New
York Central and Hudson River Railroad in
1867 equaled 3,190,840 tons; in 1873, 4,-
393,955 tons, and in 1878, 8,175,535 tons.
The earnings from freight on this road
in 1867 equaled \$4,066,386; in 1873, \$19,-
616,017; and in 1878, \$19,045,830. The
tonnage for the past five years increased over
86 per cent., while the earnings were slightly
reduced. The rate for the transportation of
freight in 1873 equaled 1.572 cents per ton;
in 1878, 0.910 of a cent per ton per mile.
The vast increase of tonnage on this and
other roads for the past five years is a most
encouraging feature, as, with a revival of
general prosperity, which is showing itself
on every hand, the railroads will themselves
start upon a new career, with an ample
tonnage traffic, the rates on which are only
to be slightly increased to add enormously
to their net earnings. Had the rates of
1873 on the New York Central and Hudson
River Railroad been maintained, the earn-
ings of that road the past year from freight
would have equaled \$31,000,000, in place of
\$19,045,830, the amount received. The ex-
perience and example of this road may serve
as an illustration for those of the whole
country.

Another favorable feature connected with
our railroads is the reorganization of the
affairs of great numbers of those that had
become pecuniarily embarrassed. Their re-
organization has, as a rule, been upon a
plan, or scheme, to reduce their interest-
bearing securities to a sum the interest on
which could in all probability be met by the
accruing incomes, leaving dividends on com-
mon or preferred stock to be paid as earned.
Such an arrangement will have the advan-
tage to place these enterprises upon a firm
and stable foundation, and will help to give
a market value to their securities somewhat
in ratio to their actual value. The reorgani-
zation of our railroads cannot fail to exert
a most salutary influence upon the general
business interests of the country.

There have been constructed in the United
States since the great crash in 1873, and
within a period of five years, 11,563 miles of
railroad. In the same time the increase of
population in the country has equaled fully
7,000,000. The greater part of this increase
has been in the extreme Western and in the
mining States and Territories. A corre-
sponding demand has been created for the
products of manufacturing and commercial
industries of the Eastern States. Labor is,
in fact, more productive in the new States
and Territories than in the older States.
With the general recovery witnessed on
every hand, and with an enormous balance
of trade with foreign countries in our favor,
there is every reason to believe that the
country—and particularly its railroads—is
entering upon a career of unwonted pros-
perity. During the recent long-continued
depression, the means for a lucrative traffic
for our railroads for the future have,
strange as it may seem, been created. A
most encouraging feature is their rapid con-
struction through the territories surpassingly
rich in the precious metals. Every mile con-
structed adds to the traffic of those already
in operation. It seems probable that within
a little more than a year another railroad—the
Southern Pacific—will be constructed
across the Continent, and that the Northern
Pacific will soon be able to reach the base of
the Rocky Mountains, opening the newly-
discovered deposits of the precious metals in
that quarter, as well as a vast and fertile
extent of public lands.

The gross earnings of all the roads whose
operations have been reported, have equaled
\$490,103,361, against \$472,909,272 for 1877,
\$497,257,959 for 1876 and \$503,065,505 for
1875. The general result of the operations
of our railroads for the last eight years is
shown in the following statement:

STATEMENT
Showing Miles of Railroad, Capital Account, Earn-
ings, &c., for Eight Years.

Year.	Miles oper- ated.	Capital and funded debt.	Gross earnings.	Net earnings.
1878.....	78,960	\$4,580,048,791	\$490,103,361	\$187,515,177
1877.....	74,112	4,508,597,248	472,909,272	170,976,697
1876.....	73,508	4,468,591,935	497,257,959	186,452,752
1875.....	71,759	4,415,614,639	503,065,505	185,596,438
1874.....	69,273	4,221,703,594	500,466,016	189,370,958
1873.....	66,237	3,784,543,034	506,419,935	183,810,562
1872.....	57,323	3,159,423,057	465,241,055	165,754,373
1871.....	44,614	2,664,627,045	320,329,268	141,746,404

Year.	Freight earnings.	Passenger earnings.	Dividends paid.
1878.....	\$365,466,071	\$124,637,290	\$53,260,366
1877.....	347,704,048	125,204,734	58,556,319
1876.....	351,137,376	136,120,581	68,039,668
1875.....	363,960,234	139,105,271	74,204,208
1874.....	379,466,935	140,999,081	67,042,942
1873.....	389,035,508	137,384,427	69,120,709
1872.....	340,921,765	130,309,270	64,418,137
1871.....	294,430,322	108,898,886	56,456,081

Classifying the States by their geograph-
ical position, as usual, it will be seen that
the gross earnings for the New England
States were \$41,260,203, against \$44,590,465
for 1877. Of these earnings \$23,292,437
were received for transportation of freight,
mails, &c., and \$17,967,766 for the trans-
portation of passengers. The net earnings
were \$13,685,927, against \$13,735,746 for
1877. The dividends paid amounted to
\$7,566,655, against \$6,977,726 for 1877.

The gross earnings of the railroads in the
Middle States were \$155,458,968, against
\$155,943,121 for 1877. Of gross earnings
\$119,508,761 were received for transporta-
tion of freight, mails, &c., and \$35,255,780
for transportation of passengers. The net
earnings were \$61,559,993, against \$61,033,
039 for 1877. The dividends paid amounted
to \$21,148,442, against \$24,890,480 for 1877.

The gross earnings of the railroads in the
Southern States were \$42,797,284, against
\$39,812,358 for 1877. The net earnings
were \$15,379,958, against \$12,664,346 for
1877. The dividends paid amounted to
\$2,805,799, against \$2,740,793 for 1877.
The earnings from freight, mails, &c., were
\$31,576,270, and from passengers, \$11,221,
014.

The gross earnings of the railroads of the
Western States were \$209,852,275, against
\$193,204,516 for 1877. The net earnings
were \$77,958,229, against \$66,085,243 for
1877. The dividends paid amounted to
\$19,341,222, against \$14,556,462 for 1877.
The earnings from freight, mails, &c., were
\$160,856,795, and from passengers, \$48,995,
480.

The gross earnings of the railroads in the
Pacific States were \$10,082,491, against
\$7,766,922 for 1877. Of the gross earnings
\$2,104,501 were received for the transporta-
tion of passengers, and \$5,436,845 for the
transportation of freight. The net earnings
were \$3,501,625, against \$2,655,137 for
1877. The dividends paid were \$930,000,
against \$240,099 for 1877.

On the Pacific railroads the earnings ag-
gregated \$30,652,130, against \$32,170,082
for 1877; of this sum \$8,435,322 were de-
rived from passengers, and \$22,216,808 from
transportation of freight, mails, &c. The
net earnings were \$16,489,425, against \$15,
053,582 for 1877, and the dividends, \$1,837,
250, against \$7,281,640 for 1877.

The following table will show the number
of miles of railway constructed each year
since 1870 and the miles in operation:

Year.	Miles in operation.	Annual in- crease of mileage.
1870.....	52,914	6,070
1871.....	50,283	7,379
1872.....	66,171	5,878
1873.....	70,278	4,107
1874.....	72,363	2,105
1875.....	74,006	1,712
1876.....	76,808	2,719
1877.....	79,147	2,319
1878.....	81,841	2,694

Advices from Brazil, under date of July
5th, contain the following items of interest:
In regard to the proposed permanent exhibi-
tion of American manufactures here, it
seems to have got at last upon a substantial
basis. A very fine and commodious building,
the Rio Skating Rink, has been secured, and
two residents of repute and means have as-
sociated themselves with it. Since last ad-
vices Johnston, Pater & Co., of Pernam-
buco, have failed. They were extensive
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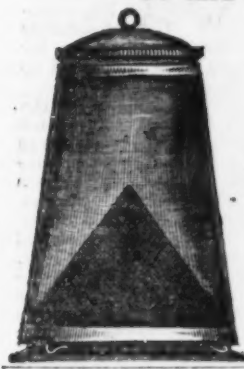


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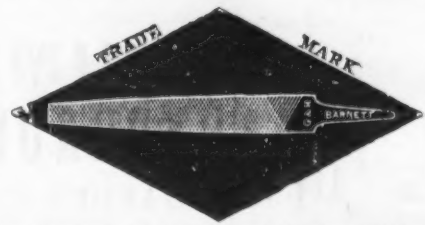
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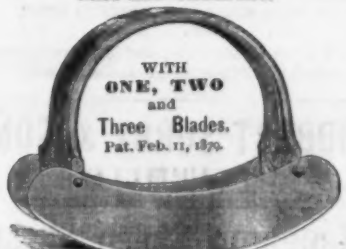
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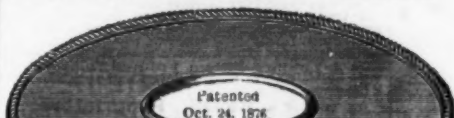
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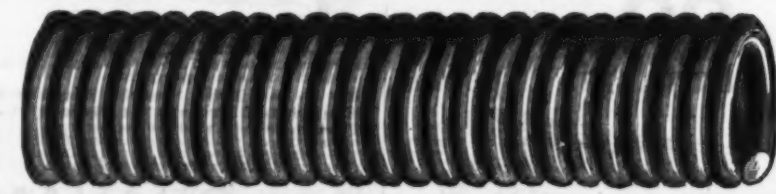
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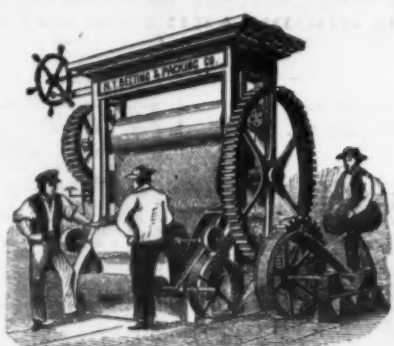
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Work at the St. Albans Foundry is un-
usually brisk, it being occupied chiefly in the
manufacture of mowing machines, horse-
powers and threshers, car wheels and rolling
mill machinery. More hands than usual are
employed.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Boston Lead Company, formerly car-
ried on by J. H. Chadwick & Co., and since
their failure by Samuel Little, Phineas B.
Smith, Jr., and Edward Sands, as trustees,
has passed into the hands of a new com-
pany, to be known as the Boston Lead Manu-
facturing Co., with a cash capital of \$300,-
000.

The American Shade Roller Company con-
template building a factory at Watertown,
175 by 50 feet, and four stories in height,
which will furnish employment to some 50
or 75 hands. The company now manufac-
ture their goods in three separate locations
in Boston, and the proposed change is in
order to bring the business under one roof.

CONNECTICUT.

On the morning of July 27 a fire destroyed
the works of the Hartford Foundry and Ma-
chine Company, burning a good part of the
machine shop, where valuable work, in-
cluding much heavy gearing for the Grant
Locomotive Works, of Paterson, N. J., was
in progress, and all of which was more or
less injured. The total value of the machin-
ery, stock and tools was about \$55,000; the
loss from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and the total
insurance, \$18,968.75. The fire is supposed
to have been of incendiary origin.

NEW YORK.

The coroner's jury in the case of Irving
Hall and Laban Sotor, who died from
injuries received at the late accident at the
East Buffalo round-house, have returned the
following verdict: "That they came to
their death on the 19th day of July, 1879,
through injuries sustained by the falling of
the trusses used in the construction of the
roof of the Erie round-house at Buffalo;
that said trusses were not safely and prop-
erly secured in their places; that the labor
employed by the Leighton Bridge and Iron
Company and the supervision at the time of
the accident were inexperienced and incom-
petent, and that the Leighton Bridge and
Iron Company are responsible for the acci-
dent." The examination has been very
rigid, occupying about a week.

Quite a demand for American windmills
has sprung up in the British colonies, the
West Indies and South America. Within a
fortnight A. J. Corcoran, of New York, has
shipped about a dozen, including three to
the Cape of Good Hope, three to Havana
and others to Pernambuco, Buenos Ayres,
Barbadoes, Caracas and Guayquil, Mexico.
In addition, two mills are being shipped on
the ship E. W. Stetson for England. Last
winter 50 mills were sent to New Zealand
in a single lot. Most of these mills have a
wheel 12 feet in diameter, and are used for
irrigation.

Nearly 1000 men are employed in the car
shops at West Albany.

The Pitts Agricultural Works at Buffalo
have been burned. Total insurance, \$106,-
000.

NEW JERSEY.

The Paterson Locomotive Works are very
busy, having contracts on hand for engines
for the Erie, Union Pacific, Manhattan El-
evated, St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern,
and several other Western and Southern
railroads, as well as three for South and
Central America.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Messrs. Forbes Holton and John Jones, of
Newcastle, have leased the old Union Glass
Works, and are putting it in order for run-
ning. They expect to be ready to start up
some time in September.

Four furnaces, two sheet mills, one nail
factory, glass works, three foundries and sev-
eral machine shops are now in full blast in
Newcastle.

The Pottstown Ledger says that every
industrial establishment in that place will
soon be employed, all of which seems to
prove the assertion that the times are grow-
ing better.

The Monocacy Furnace was fired at 9.49
on Sunday evening, the 20th. Ten hours
afterward the blast was connected, and on
Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the first cast
was made, yielding 14 tons of the best No. 1
iron.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and
Iron Company recently purchased the Ring-
gold Furnace, and took possession of it last
week. It is expected that the fires will be
started in a few days.

A few mornings since the puddle mills of
the Allentown Rolling Mill Company started
up. The merchant mill has been going about
a week. Now that the differences between
the puddlers and the company have been
harmonized, it is believed that in a short time
the whole establishment will be put in opera-
tion.

Stack No. 2 of the Allentown Rolling Mill
Company's furnace has been lit up and
blast put on. Thus seven of the nine furnace
stacks in Allentown are in operation.

At J. H. Sternbergh's nut and bolt
works, Reading, business is unusually brisk.
About 140 hands are employed, being nearly
twice the number employed last year.

The new furnace to be erected by Mr.
Powell at Bedford, will be completed about
the 1st of next June. The capacity of the
furnace will be from 40 to 50 tons of pig iron
per day.

The nail factory of Messrs. E. & G.
Brooke, at Birdsboro, has stopped for re-
pairs, which will require about six weeks to
complete. A new upright "West" engine
will be put in to drive the puddle train
and another set of puddle rolls. To do this
will require the foundations to be taken out
and rebuilt. One puddling furnace will be
removed to another place and three new
ones built. A "Tyler" iron water wheel
will replace an overshoot, in order to make
more room in the mill.

The anthracite furnace of Peacock &
Thomas, in Lancaster, which has been out
of blast since 1875, was started again on the
24th. Miss Sallie Peacock, eldest daughter
of the senior partner, A. H. Peacock, applied
the match. The firm expect to turn out 140

or 150 tons of first-class foundry iron per
week.

It is reported that Cleveland parties are
about to purchase the mills of Reis, Brown
& Berger at Newcastle.

The Rock Hill Iron and Coal Co., at
Orbesonia, will blow in their No. 2 furnace
the second week in August.

The Hope Iron Co., Limited, of Pottstown,
have begun the erection of two more double
puddling furnaces. This will make in all 12
furnaces. The large demand for the puddle
iron manufactured by this company has
necessitated this step.

The recent announcement that Robert
Bland, of Reading, was said to be negotiating
for the lease of the Mary Ann Charcoal Fur-
nace, in Longswamp township, owned by
Horatio Trexler, is declared by Mr. Trexler
to be erroneous. He says that Robert Bland
has not been negotiating for its lease, that
he does not propose to lease said furnace to
anybody, but will himself in due time put it
in operation.

The Ormsby Furnace, at Sharpsville, was
blown in on June 30, and will hereafter be
known as the "Mabel." Messrs. Perkins
& Co., Limited, with S. Perkins, Jr., chair-
man, and J. F. Rhoades, secretary and
treasurer, is the name of the new firm, they
having purchased the property lately. They
are now working on a contract for Bessemer
iron.

"Tubal Cain," in the Sharon Herald of
the 25th inst., says: At the Westernman Iron
Co.'s works, puddle, guide, sheet and hoop
mills double turn, bar and plate mill, single
turn. At the Atlantic Works, puddle, guide,
old hoop mill, double turn; new hoop and
bar mill, single turn; plate mill and nail
factory off Monday for the want of iron. In
Sharpsville, the Perkins Furnace is up to 30
tons a day, Bessemer.

The Gautier Steel Company, Limited, of
Johnstown, Pa., have issued a circular, in
which they give the following interesting
figures of annual capacity: Steel, 20,000
tons; wire, 20,000 tons; carriage springs,
50,000 pairs; horse-rake teeth, 45,000 sets;
steel finger bars, 60,000. Their list of pro-
ducts includes nearly everything in the
shape of crude and manufactured steel, and
covers over 100 items, with tool steel, plow
steel and toe-calk steel as leading specialties.
Although formed but a little more than a year
ago, this company has the largest working
capacity for manufacturing steel in bars,
sheets, wire, springs, &c., of any works in
America. Their machinery is of the best
and most improved patterns, and everything
about their extensive establishment shows
good management and an eye to future de-
velopment.

Messrs. Kimball & Kimball, of No. 639
Arch street, Philadelphia, manufacturers of
band-saw machines, &c., exhibited the other
day some samples of band saws of extra-
ordinary length and perfection of temper.
One of these saws was fully 400 feet in
length, another 250 feet, and a third in the
neighborhood of 200 feet. There were a
number of others of shorter measurement,
but extending far beyond the ordinary
dimensions. The teeth of all these saws,
when narrowly examined, were found to be
exactly similar and without a flaw, while
the temper was absolutely equal throughout.
The saws can be made of any temper, rang-
ing from those suitable to the softest wood-
work up to those capable of cutting brass.
They are turned out in lengths of 1000 feet,
and then cut in lengths to suit customers.
The fact of its being possible to construct a
band saw of such continuous length, with
perfect teeth and setting, and also equal in
temper, naturally attracted considerable at-
tention, and orders were received from
many of the largest firms in the city.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The report that the Scottsdale mill, belong-
ing to Messrs. Everson, Macrum & Co., was
shut down is not correct. This mill has
never shut down for more than a few days
at a time, and then for the purpose of mak-
ing repairs to machinery. The puddling de-
partment was shut down for a few days,
however, putting in a new shaft on squeezers,
but the sheet mills were running as usual.

The Harmony Foundry and machine shop
at Beaver Falls have consolidated with the
car works, and will be known hereafter as
the Beaver Falls Car Works. The foundry
will mold all the cast iron work used in the
manufacture of the cars, except the wheels.
An addition will be built to the works at
once, and 100 men will be employed.

Ground has been broken for the new flint
glass factory of Atterbury & Co., on the
Southside. A ten-pot furnace is to be
erected.

The shovel works of H. M. Myers & Co.,
Beaver Falls, are running eleven hours a
day in order to fill orders on time.

A portion of Schoenberger & Co.'s nail
factory resumed operations on Monday.

The new rolling mill of the National Tube
Works Co., at McKeesport, is rapidly ap-
proaching completion, and will probably be
in operation about the first of September.
Four double Siemens puddling furnaces are
finished, and the other four, for which room
is left, are not to be built at present. The
roll trains are being erected. Among these
will be a three-high universal mill on the
Lauth system, and a continuous mill, with
13 pairs of rolls, alternately horizontal and
vertical, in which a billet will be reduced to
a tube sheet, scarfed, and formed into a
skelp, all at one operation. A Dudgeon steam
hammer has been erected for the purpose of
shingling the puddle balls.

Nearly all of the mills of this city are con-
nected by telephones. Over 200 miles of
wire is used in making the connections.

There have been nearly 16,000,000 of the
Verona nut locks made and sold by Messrs.
Metcalfe, Paul & Co.

Corry's coal works at Bradnock's are
running steady this summer, as is also their
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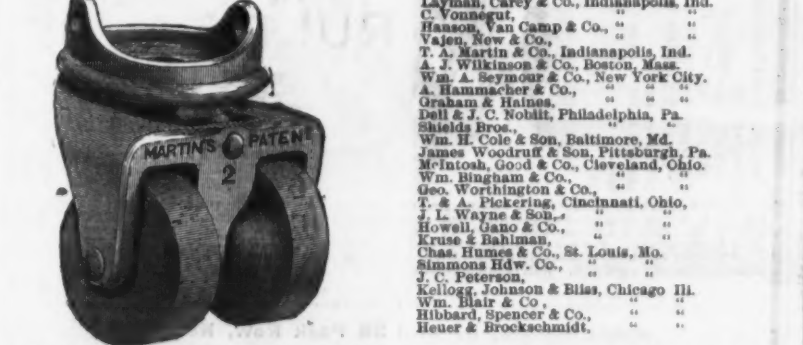


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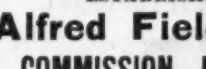
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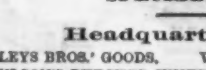
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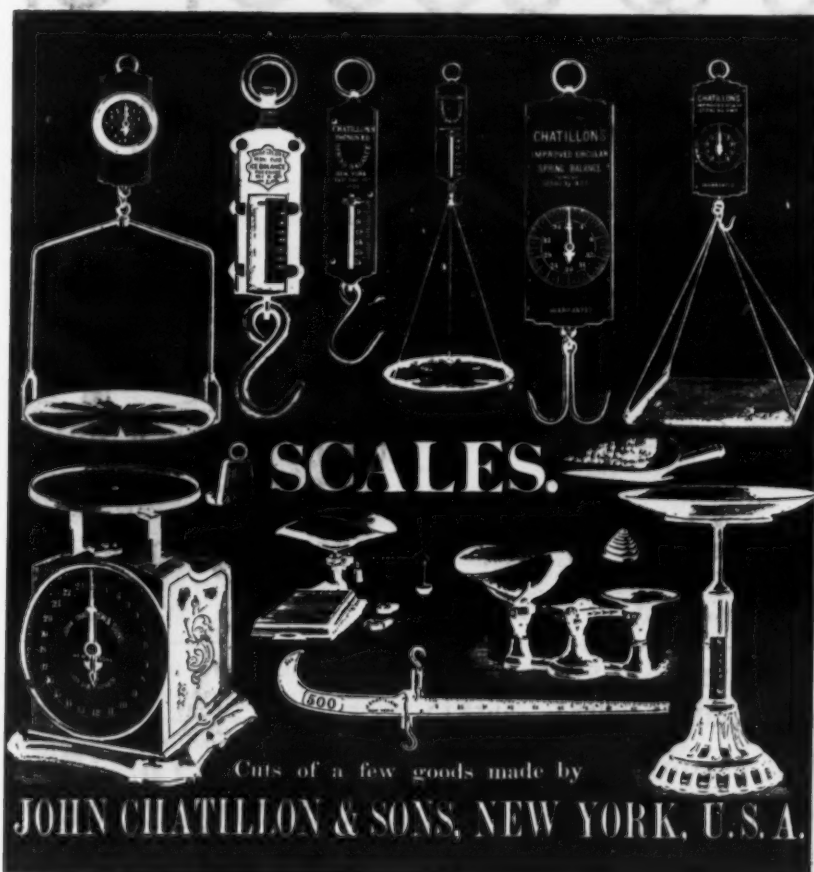
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again in operation. The Pennsylvania Lead
Works are working uninterruptedly, and
are shipping about the usual quantity of sil-
ver weekly.

WEST VIRGINIA.
The Top Mill, Wheeling, has closed
down for repairs, which they expect to have
completed by the 4th prox., when they
will resume full operations. They report
their furnace as doing well, and their pros-
pects as very good for a full fall run.

The new furnace now in course of con-
struction at the glass works of Messrs.
Hobbs, Brockunier & Co., in South Wheel-
ing, will have 13 pots instead of 10, the usual
number, and will be heated by gas. The
furnace will be finished in four or five
weeks.

OHIO.
The Miller Chain Works, Cuyahoga Falls,
are full of orders and running full time.
They have now upward of 40 men. Among
their recent orders was one for 8 1/2 tons of
chain for San Francisco. They have now on
their books several car-load orders for their
chains.

Several abortive attempts have been made
to sell the furnace of the Steubenville Coal
and Iron Co. It is again advertised for sale
on the 12th of August. It was appraised
at the beginning of this month for the sum
of \$52,500.

Attempts have been made to procure
options on the bonds of the Iron & Steel Co.,
Ironton, at the rate of 15 cents on the dol-
lar, for the purpose of starting the mill.
Thus far they have been without success.
The Ironton Register says: "It is hardly
probable that any further effort will be
made by the parties to get control of the
property."

It has been decided to start up the Eagle
Furnace, Youngstown, as soon as the neces-
sary repairs can be made.

The present blast at Belfont Furnace is
working all native ore and nearly all raw
coal.

The Falls Wire Manufacturing Company,
of Cuyahoga Falls, have just completed ar-
rangements to take from Anderson & Co.,
steel manufacturers, of Pittsburgh, 1000
tons of No. 5 rods. This company, success-
ors of the Falls Wire Company, have just
started under an entirely new management.

Mr. Selah Reeve, of Chicago, having pur-
chased the works. The company expect to
enter largely into the manufacture of fence
rods, binding wire, wire, &c.

The pay roll of the Cones Iron Company,
at Girard, formerly amounted to about \$6000
per month. It will now amount to a larger
sum, as the company have lately put on an
8-inch train, double, and that will require
an additional number of puddling furnaces.

Mr. J. W. Britton, general manager of
the plate and sheet mill for the Cleveland
Rolling Mill Company for the past 11 years,
has recently purchased the rolling mill
formerly known as the Standard Iron Com-
pany, situated on the corner of Wason street
and the Lake Shore Railroad track, and has
associated with him Messrs. Harvey H.
Brown and Charles and Ralph Hickox. The
firm is incorporated under the general law,
with a capital stock of \$100,000, as the Brit-
ton Iron and Steel Company. The shares
are \$1000 each. The works are now in full
running operation, manufacturing boiler
plate and sheet iron.

Messrs. Simpson & Gault, manufacturers
of the "Peerless Wringers," at Cincinnati,
report an unusually heavy trade this season.
At present they are behind their orders,
notwithstanding the fact that they have
been running their works 16 hours per day
during this year. Their foreign trade is
very satisfactory, and constantly on the in-
crease. They have recently made heavy
shipments of wringers to London, Paris,
Bremen and Melbourne. Their trade in
flour mill machinery has also been quite
heavy, and at present that department of
the works is fully six weeks behind orders.
A large increase of the capacity of their
works is contemplated.

ILLINOIS.
The Belleville Nail Works have been run-
ning steadily since the 1st of January upon
orders. They will shut down the first week
in August for annual repairs.

The Litchfield Coal Company, of Litch-
field, Ill., while recently prospecting for a
deeper vein of coal, struck oil. At the time
the oil began to flow the workmen had bored
200 feet below the bottom of the shaft, or
700 feet below the surface of the ground.

GEORGIA.
The Atlanta Rolling Mill, since last Novem-
ber, has been under the management of
Grant Wilkins, of the Atlanta Bridge Works
(Wilkins, Post & Co.), and is now manufac-
turing rails, fish plates, merchant bars and
bridge iron. The mill employs 500 men, and
is running full double turn, having orders
on hand for Houston and Texas Central
Railway, Hartwell Railroad, Macon and
Brunswick Railroad, Cheraw and Chester
Railroad, Mobile and Girard Railroad, Char-
lotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, and
the Atlantic and West Point Railroad, be-
sides three other roads. The orders for bar
iron are in excess of the capacity of the
company. Their present orders will keep
them busy till November next.

INDIANA.
The steam engine and machine shops of
C. L. Olds & Co., at Fort Wayne, are run-
ning 15 hours per day, employing about 120
hands. These works have been running
steadily for the past year, making 10 hours
per day. They have been filling some large
orders recently at Denver, Col., and in
Eastern cities for heavy hydraulic ma-
chinery. Besides engines and hydraulic ma-
chinery, they make specialties of tannery
machinery, of which they have recently
made some large shipments to fill orders.
They include saw, grist and sugar mills, and
woodworking machinery in their line of
manufactures.

KENTUCKY.
On Monday July 13th, fire was put
under the boilers of the old "Kentucky"
rolling mill, at Louisville, and the mill goes
into full operation on the 21st, under a new
and strong organization. The officers of the
new company are Mr. W. B. Caldwell, Jr.,
president; Mr. B. du Pont, vice president,
and Mr. A. J. Moxham, superintendent. The
amount of stock represented by this com-

pany is not yet announced, but about \$40,-
000 have been paid in, and under this man-
agement it is expected that the mill will
have a long and very successful run. The
products of the mill will be principally bar,
band and hoop iron, and tram and T-rails.
The new organization will do business under
the name of Louisville Iron and Steel Co.

MISSOURI.
At the meeting of the creditors of Semple,
Birge & Co., St. Louis, on the 24th inst.,
the statement submitted showed liabilities
amounting to \$288,000, and assets worth
\$70,000. The creditors agreed to a com-
promise at 27 1/2 cents on the dollar.

TENNESSEE.
The Oakdale Iron Works, Roane County,
have been purchased by a company of West-
ern iron manufacturers, mostly from St.
Louis. On Saturday, the 22d inst., Mr.
John G. Scott arrived at Knoxville, and the
following Tuesday the board of directors
held a meeting and organized, electing Mr.
Scott president, and accepted the charter.
Mr. Scott was at once authorized to go to
Roane County, examine the titles, and if
found to be all right receive and take charge
of the property and make a first payment.
We understand the works will be put in
operation at the earliest moment practica-
ble. Considerable repairs are necessary.
The furnace is 16 feet bosh and 65 feet in
height, and was built in 1873. The ores to
be used are the celebrated red fossil, and
the coal is from the strata underlying the
Cumberland range, both of which are in
close proximity to the works and easy of
access. They propose turning out about 50
tons of iron per day.

The Roane Iron Company, of Chattanooga,
have engaged the services of Mr. Fred. P.
Dewey, as their analytical chemist. Mr.
Dewey graduated at New Haven in 1876,
and immediately after, for one year, filled
the position of instructor in the department
of analytical chemistry at Lafayette Col-
lege, Pa. In 1877 he took charge of the
laboratory of the Spiegel Furnace at Port
Oran, N. J., where he remained until the
failure of the company. Returning then to
New Haven, he assisted in the laboratory and
continued his studies until his appointment
to the above position.

LABOR AND WAGES.

The rules adopted by the miners of the
Straitsville, Shawnee and Nelsonville val-
leys, Ohio, are as follows: The screen to be
12 feet long, 6 feet wide and 1 1/4 inches be-
tween the bars; checkweighman at every
mine; for entries, \$2 per yard and coal;
\$2.50 for turning rooms.

The situation in the vicinity of Courtney,
Pa., may be summed up as follows: New
Eagle is working for 2 cents per bushel of
76 pounds; Old Eagle at 2 1/2 cents; Court-
ney (railroad pit), Berry, Cook & Co., work-
ing at 2 1/2 cents; John Huston & Co., strik-
ing at 2 1/2 cents; Cincinnati working for
2 1/2 cents per bushel; Coal Bluff, Patterson
and Scully's (both railroad pits) have agreed
to work for 2 1/2 cents per bushel; Gamble's
on strike for 2 1/2, as are Schooley's river
pits; Leeburg, working for 2 cents;
Hodgins's doing nothing; Walton's upper
road idle; Jones's have been idle since
spring; Walton's lower road is undergoing
some repairs; O'Neil's idle.

C. Aultman & Co., Canton, Ohio, are em-
ploying over 1100 men.

All the collieries in the Lehigh coal region
are now at work, excepting those at Eber-
vale. A strike of the breaker boys caused
a suspension of two days at Jeddo, but the
paying off of about one-half the boys brought
back the rest, and the collieries are now all
in. No further trouble is now apprehended
until a general strike is found feasible.

There is a great demand for first-class mc-
chinists, and as the busy season has hardly
begun yet in this trade, it is anticipated that
there will be an advance in wages in the
early fall. In fact, in this vicinity all classes
of steady workmen are in demand.—Pitts-
burgh Commercial.

The Allentown rolling mill has commenced
operations again after a short suspension,
caused by a strike among the puddlers.

The puddlers of A. M. Byers & Co.'s mill,
Pittsburgh, struck last week against the
quality of the iron they have been given
to boil, it being so good that it took longer
to work. The trouble was settled after two
days' idleness.

The railroad shops at Altoona, upper and
lower, employ about 2500 men now.

There are at present employed in the Wy-
oming district, Pa., between 13,000 and
14,000 men and boys. In 1876-77 there
were 16,000 or 17,000, but emigration since
that time has reduced the number to the
present figures.—Record.

Thirteen gathering boys employed at
Beatty's tumbler factory at Steubenville,
Ohio, demanded 10 per cent. advance on
their wages. This the proprietors without
hesitation refused, when the boys quit work
and the factory closed. By this 165 men are
thrown out of employment.

Gill Brothers' glass chimney factory in
Steubenville, Ohio, has again commenced
operations, the strikers having submitted to
the terms of the proprietors.

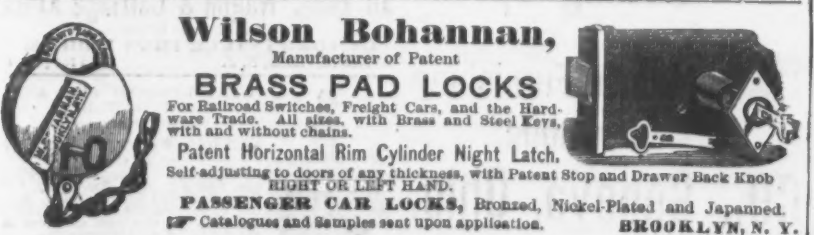
Some of the molders at the works of
Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, Pittsburgh, are on
a strike for higher wages. They have only
been receiving \$11.90 per week, while the
rate ranges from \$11 to \$14.50. The found-
ry has run only one heat during the past
week.

The strike of the puddlers and pullers-out
at Hussey, Howe & Co.'s steel works against
the wages offered by the melters, threw
about 75 men out of employment. A work-
man says it is a good time to strike, as the
weather is too hot to work anyhow. It also
seems that the firm are not greatly exer-
cised, as orders are not pushing them just
at present. The molders assert that the
melters make \$10 to \$12 per day, and can
readily afford to pay one-fifth or one-sixth of
it out. The strike has been settled by the
melters paying the demands.

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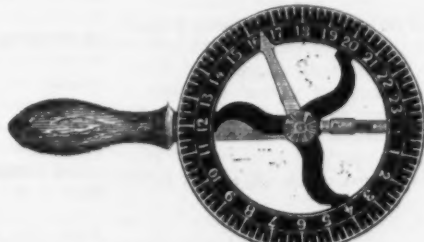
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The Past, Present and Future of Railways.

In a paper contributed to *Time*, Sir Edward Watkin, an eminent authority on railroad matters, reviews the past, present and future of English railways. As his remarks are in many respects applicable to this country, they deserve perusal. The contrast between the railway system of the 14th of September, 1830, when the Liverpool and Manchester line was opened, and that of today, is great. In 1830 a total of 55 miles of railway was traversed by locomotives; now there are 17,500. Then the speed of trains might be taken at a maximum of 20, now of 60 miles an hour. Then the weight of the engine was under six tons, now under 40; while per ton of weight the modern engine is much more powerful. The capital of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, of 31 miles, was, according to prospectus, £400,000, and that of the other railway—the Stockton and Darlington—probably £200,000 more. Now there is an expended capital of about £700,000,000, and an annual gross revenue of £65,000,000—in each case approximating in amount to the debt and the annual expenditure of Great Britain. Six hundred millions of passenger tickets are issued each year, or nearly twenty times the number of England's population; 400,000 persons are, in addition, regular travelers as holders of periodical tickets. Seventy million tons of merchandise and 150,000 tons of minerals are also annually conveyed.

As regards the future, Sir Edward Watkin believes the desideratum to be greater speed of traveling and transit; not greater speed probably in every train, but a greater average speed. At present the goods and coal and stopping passenger train is in the way of the fast through express, and some of the greater companies have battled with the difficulty by doubling their lines of rail, thereby expending a large new capital, totally out of proportion to the new money-earning means obtained. It has been found that so much space represents so much traffic-carrying power; not an indefinite quantity. Unless it could be assumed that augmenting trade would not in a while be an aid, these duplications, in the absence of largely increasing receipts, must rapidly tend to reduction of dividend. In fact, it is possible to realize a state of circumstances under which the proportions of capital and net earnings might become so much disturbed that the "ordinary stock" of railway capital would be largely depreciated. Capital is an increasing quantity; working expenses are an increasing quantity also, and taxation and compensation show the same tendencies. These are conditions that stand in the way of great improvements of service; for a poor railway can do nothing but hold on. Too many railway managers, for want of a thorough experience of "out-of-doors," do not comprehend that the secret of dividend is minimum of capital outlay and the maximum of traffic at paying rates. The chief object is the maximum of utilization of railways. If a passenger can travel at 60 miles an hour, the reason why mineral trains cannot be equally expeditious is because proper vehicles are not constructed for the purpose, and the result is only a partial user of lines of road. Sir Edward Watkin would have all plant alike made fit for running at a higher speed. Much as England owes in the past to railways, in the future a great deal more will be expected from them. The railway is the only shop which cannot shut its doors. It must, almost without notice, take up and set down as many passengers as choose to present themselves at thousands of booking-offices, or as many tons of goods and minerals as the owners see fit to transmit. In the economy or "the exhaustive use" of time lies the secret of success or failure, individually and nationally.

Compound Portable Engines.

English engineers have been very much interested in experiments made recently at the Kilburn show of the Royal Agricultural Society with a compound portable engine, built and exhibited by the well-known firm of John Fowler & Co., of Leeds. In this engine, advantage has been taken of the principle of compounding, in order to use steam of great pressure with a very high degree of expansion. The steam exhausts directly from the high pressure into the steam chest of the low-pressure cylinder. The distribution is effected by ordinary slides and link-motion, so that all complication is avoided; and, by a simple arrangement, both cylinders can, if required, be filled with high pressure steam, so as to reverse with facility. In the 25-horse-power (nominal) engine exhibited at Kilburn, the small cylinder has a diameter of 8 inches, and the larger one a diameter of 14 inches, the stroke being 16 inches. They are mounted on light channel-iron frames, underneath the smoke-box of the boiler, somewhat after the fashion of inside-cylinder locomotives, the fire-box resting on the after end of the frames. The cranks are balanced, so as to ensure smoothness at high speed, and all the other parts of the engine seem carefully designed, so as to wear well under the same circumstances. The boiler is made of steel, to stand working pressures up to 150 pounds per square inch. Engine and boiler combined weigh only 8 tons, and can be worked up to 100-horse-power on the brake, or to about 110-horse-power indicated. The boiler has 279 square feet of heating surface and 8 square feet of grate. It has 63 2-inch tubes, 7 feet 3 inches long. In the four experiments to which we have referred, the consumption of fuel per dynamometrical horse-power per hour was 4, 3.65, 3.17 and 2.8 pounds respectively, and in the last two experiments the consumption of fuel per indicated horse-power was 2.87 and 2.55 pounds. The water used per horse-power per hour in the same two experiments was but 24.2 and 23.2 pounds. The Engineer draws attention to the fact that the increase of fuel economy, exhibited in the figures given, was accompanied by, and probably chiefly due to, an increase of the boiler pressure, the first trial being made with 85 pounds, which was raised to 100 and 140 pounds respectively. It is pointed out that the compound engine, when running on low pressure, did not perform any better work than single cylinder engines of the same size, working at the same

pressure. The high pressure, at which the compound engine was worked, therefore contributed largely to reduce the consumption of steam, and it is a question whether it is more economical to build compound portable engines which call for steam generators carrying 140 pounds of pressure.

MINING AND MINERAL ITEMS.

COAL.

The Pittsburgh *Telegraph's* correspondent at Houtzdale writes that the different collieries on this side of the hill do not seem to be quite so busy as those over at Houtzville. The Penn Bank ships from 10 to 12 flats daily, employing from 30 to 40 men. The Franklin Mine, of the Kittanning Coal Co., has been losing a little lately, but the prospects seem fair for steady work now. They employ about 200 men. The Eureka Bank, of Burwind, White & Co., is nearly worked out, only about 50 men now being employed. The Sterling No. 1, operated by Robert Hare, Powell & Co., has in about 180 men, and continues to run quite steady, with fair prospects of continuing. Taking in all the collieries on the mountain, quite a large amount of coal is being shipped; in fact, exceeding the same period last year, but it is said prices are so low that not much is realized.

The coal business in most of the pits at Steubenville, O., is very dull, and no apparent signs of improvement for the summer months.

The indications are that the mountains east of us will soon be well lighted up with the flames from coke ovens. Messrs. J. H. Dysart & Co. are building ovens at their mines at Lilly's Station, to coke the screenings from their coal. The Glen White Coal and Lumber Company are erecting 25 ovens at their mines near Kittanning Point; and S. C. Baker is erecting 12 ovens near his mines. The shipments over the P. R. R. show a large increase in coke products. The amount shipped during the first six months of 1879 is nearly equal to the first eight months of 1878.—*Johnstown (Pa.) Tribune*.

There are 58 coal mines in the second bituminous district of Pennsylvania, 41 drifts, two slopes and 15 shafts. Twenty of these mines are located in Mercer County, and the coal runs from 28 inches to 4 feet in thickness. But little has been done at some of these mines the past two or three years. About a half million tons were mined in the district during the last year, but with the revival of the iron making and the settlement of some railroad difficulties, it is probable the output this year will be much larger.

The annual consumption of bituminous coal in St. Louis is 1,250,000 tons, and is supplied by upward of 100 mines, the largest of which is the Abbey mine, on the Vandalia Railroad. The Carbondale Company probably comes next. It mines upward of 80,000 tons, giving employment to 75 men.

Notwithstanding the large increase of 4,638,739 tons in the production of anthracite coal this year over last, as shown by the statement prepared from official sources up to June 30, 1879, there is a decrease of 61,356 tons in the stock on hand at shipping points, as compared with the quantity on hand June 29, 1878. The stock on hand at tidewater shipping points June 30, 1879, was 432,167 tons; June 29, 1878, it was 493,523 tons.

IRON.

An immense body of iron ore has been found near Calvin Guth's mine, in South Whitehall, Pa.

The pig iron and ore shipments from the Lake Superior region this season, up to July 2, were: From Marquette, 157,820 tons, and from Escanaba, 104,507 tons.

PRECIOUS METALS.

The Landaff Gold Mining Company at Bath, N. H., are clearing \$6 per ton, and there is greater mining activity in the vicinity than ever before.

Joining Wire.

An improved method of joining fencing and other wire has been contrived by Mr. J. H. Nettlefold, of Birmingham, England, by which a very secure junction is made, and the wire may be so prepared before it is supplied to commerce that the joining can be effected without the use of tools. The following is the manner in which the ends of the wire to be joined are prepared: Two or 3 inches of the end portion of the wire are first folded or doubled upon itself, this being effected round a peg or mandrel. A nearly elliptical hoop of about four times the diameter of the wire is thus formed, the extreme end of the folded portion of the wire being parallel with its straight portion, and separated therefrom by a distance equal to the diameter of the wire. The elliptical loop is bent into a plane, making a very obtuse angle with the parallel portions of the wire. In connecting together two ends of wire bent as described, they are brought together in such relative positions that the straight portions of the two wires lie parallel upon one another, each wire passing through the loop of the other wire. The parallel parts terminating the loops also lie parallel one upon another. By tightening the wires, the extreme end of each wire enters the loop of the other wire as the loops slide upon one another, and there is thus formed a junction somewhat resembling a sailor's knot, the parallel portions adjoining the loop of each wire being situated in the loop of the other wire. The junction thus formed is exceedingly strong, and the tighter the wires are stretched the more secure the junction becomes. This method of effecting a junction has the further advantage that the two portions of wire joined are in one of the same straight line. The loops at each of the ends to be joined are, by preference, made on the same side of the wire; they may, however, be made on opposite sides with nearly the same effect. In the latter case the two portions of the wire are not quite in the same line. Besides being applicable to the joining of fencing wire, the method we have described is also applicable to the joining of wires for various purposes, such, for example, as signal wires and telegraph wires.

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At a recent meeting in London to discuss the
condition of India, Mr. John Bright said that
if it were really necessary, as now, to expend
over half the Indian revenue on the army, it
seemed to him it would be almost better to
confess failure, and say that the govern-
ment of a great empire in Asia, by rulers
sent from England, is impossible and ought
never to have existed. We are told that this
speech has excited "much hostile comment,"
which is probably due to the fact that it
takes a common-sense, business-like view of
the relations of England and India, and
deals with truths which are unpleasantly and
uncomfortably obvious. The history of
British rule in India is calculated to convince
any impartial reader that it ought never to
have existed, and when this is considered in
connection with the present impoverished
and generally deplorable condition of the
country, the conclusion of failure is irresist-
ible. To England India is much like a
sucked orange, but with the important dif-
ference that it cannot be thrown aside. It

is already an embarrassment and a burden,
entailing serious responsibilities and in-
volving a constant danger to the peace of
the British empire, and will ultimately lead
Great Britain into a great and costly war,
about which no Englishman of the present
time would like to speculate.

The Outlook in the Western Iron Trade.

The advance in iron in the West since the
beginning of the year, and especially dur-
ing the past six or eight weeks, seems to
be fully justified by the condition of the
market. The fact that it has come about in a
natural way, without any concerted action on
the part of the manufacturers, and without
even a meeting, and that buyers are paying
the advance, is not only the best evidence
that it is justified, but that there is a healthy
condition of trade in other branches. Many
mill men and consumers were inclined, for a
while, to regard the reported advance as
another of the many false indications of re-
vival that have been so frequent during the
past five years. But somehow the advance has
come, and as they look back six weeks and
compare prices at that time with those ruling
to-day, the result is more evident than are
the steps which have led to it; but no one
doubts now that there has been a healthy,
legitimate advance, and one that will be
maintained.

In searching for the reason of this ad-
vance, the immediate cause is certainly the
unusual activity in railroad construction—in
laying new tracks, in renewing old, in gen-
eral repairs, and in the manufacture of
cars, locomotives and general railway equip-
ments.

The first effect of this was seen in the
West early in the year, in the pig iron and
ore trade. The price asked for ores suitable
for Bessemer purposes determines largely
the selling price of all other Lake Superior
ores. It was evident early in the year that
the demand for these ores for Bessemer
purposes, arising from the large demand for
steel rails, would be very great, and the
amount available for other purposes much
reduced. It was evident also that the
miners of these ores would advance their
prices over those of 1878. About this time
coke, which had been as low as 85 cents to
95 cents per ton, free on board at the ovens,
began to advance. It became clear to the
manufacturers of pig iron that the cost of
raw materials for 1879 would be consider-
ably in excess of that for 1878, and they be-
gan to agitate an advance in iron. They
have at different times added 25 cents to 50
cents per ton, until there has been an ad-
vance of fully \$2 established in irons that
have any character or reputation. The
demand for old rails for re-rolling has
aided in establishing and keeping this
price firm, by removing from the market
a disturbing element and putting old
rails at such a price as to make it cheaper,
as well as more satisfactory, to use pig iron.
Charcoal irons, with the exception of those
for car-wheel uses, do not seem to have
shared fully in this advance. Coke and
anthracite irons have been found to be
adapted to so many uses for which at one
time only charcoal irons were supposed to
be fitted, that the demand for these irons is
not so great, and mill men are not willing
to pay any more for them than for coke and
anthracite irons. It is different with car-
wheel irons. These are in better demand,
though stocks have been largely reduced,
and, in sympathy with all articles for rail-
road uses, there has been a sharp advance in
price.

The condition of the rail market is so well
known that it is unnecessary to more than
refer to it. The marked increase in price,
the almost marvelous recuperation of the
iron rail business, a branch of manufacture
that at one time seemed past all hope of re-
vival, and the great increase in demand,
have furnished the subject of so many ar-
ticles that we need not refer to the causes
that have led thereto. Steel rails have ad-
vanced some \$3, and iron rails \$5 to \$7.

The advance in the manufactured iron
trade in the West has been longer coming,
but that it has come no one can presume to
doubt. There were a number of causes
which delayed the advance. The prospect
of labor troubles on the 1st of June had a
strong influence in postponing it. Many of
the shrewdest manufacturers believed that
an advance would work injury to the trade
by leading idle mills to resume, and there is
no doubt these mills will start. If the de-
mand continues as large as at present, the
market will demand an increased produc-
tion. As it is, there is hardly a mill running,
especially in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh,
that is not full of orders. Many of the
mills are running double turn, and some
that are only running single will go on
double as soon as the weather is cooler.
Notwithstanding this activity, consumers
complain that they cannot get their orders
filled, even those that have been booked for
some time. One of the oldest Pittsburgh
houses has not had a man out soliciting or-
ders for months, and yet their capacity is
taxed to fill orders received.

Some indication of the extent of the in-
crease in trade in the West, is furnished in
the following table of iron receipts at Pitts-
burgh, from January 1 to July 1. In this
table are given the receipts of pig iron, ore,
blooms and billets, scrap, cinder bar and
merchant bar during the first six months of
the current year. These figures, as com-
pared with those for the first half of 1878,

indicate an increase in the receipts of pig
iron of 20,729 tons, and of blooms and billets
of 3734 tons, and an increase in all kinds of
60,026 tons. There was a decrease in cinder
bar, merchant bar and scrap iron:

	Pig Iron, Tons.	Ore, Tons.	B. & B. Tons.	Scrap Tons.	M. bar, Tons.	Cin. Tons.
Penn. RR.	35,898	905	8,816	8,041	....	3,330
P. F. W. & C. RR.	25,560	36,276	1,260	8,092	360	250
A. V. RR.	1,740	480	426	2,628	....	....
C. & P. RR.	2,358	65,738	4,068	3,217	....	2,160
P. C. & S. L.	339	....	48	900	....	....
P. Va. & C.	890	3,938	48	72	....	....
West Penn.	28,743	....	....	....	....	....
B. & O. RR.	5,572	....	2,580	981	180	....
P. & L. E. RR.	8,460	44,025	....	....	....	....
Total	118,947	151,356	17,246	23,931	540	5,940
By river.	7,153	15,432	311	6,352	....	....
Total	126,100	166,788	17,557	30,283	540	5,940
Total 1878.	96,371	126,692	13,823	31,928	1,638	16,656
Inc., 1879	29,729	40,078	3,734	....	....	....

Pittsburgh consumes one-fifth of all the
pig iron made in the country. According to
the table the receipts of pig iron from outside
of the city for the first six months of 1879
were 126,100 tons, against 96,371 tons in
1878, an increase of about 31 per cent. It
should be noted that this table includes but
little of the iron made by the Pittsburgh
furnaces. It probably includes that made
by the Isabella, but none made by the Lucy,
Shoenberger, Clinton, Eliza or Soho.

While the facts above given relate to the
Western iron trade alone, they are full of
interest for the whole trade. There have
been too many evidences during the last
year that the price and condition of the
market at Pittsburgh governs that of other
sections, to enable one to judge of the
future without considering the condition of
the trade West. Those sections that have
been thwarted in honest endeavors to ad-
vance iron by the action of Western manu-
facturers, can rejoice in view of the fact that
at last there is such a condition of the
market in that section as will enable them
to carry out their good intentions, while
the West can take courage from the surprise
they have had at the ease with which they
have maintained their advance.

Canadian Complaints of Undervaluations and Smuggling.

The hardware trade of the Dominion—or
a part of it, at least—is profoundly disturbed
by the alleged systematic undervaluation of
imports entered at the ports of the lower
provinces and Ontario, and have petitioned
the government to appoint an expert as
chief appraiser, with a view to securing a
greater equality in valuation than now ex-
ists. It is claimed that the benefits which
it was hoped would result to the hardware
manufacturers of the Dominion by the im-
position of protective duties, have been neu-
tralized by large importations at valuations
so low that it amounts to smuggling. Hav-
ing experienced similar agitations in this
country, we are prepared to sympathize
with our neighbors. We would remind
them that it always was and always will be
a matter of serious difficulty to secure equal-
ity of valuation at different ports of entry—
impossible, indeed, until all points of differ-
ence in the practice of various collectors of
customs are covered by decisions of the
Treasury Department or the courts. It is
also well to remember that no rule of prac-
tice can be framed which will satisfy every-
body. The importer believes that it is his
privilege to secure any advantage he can in
the payment of duties, and that in the valua-
tion of the goods he imports, his enter-
prise, his facilities for buying, or his fortune,
should redound as much to his advantage in
his dealings with the Custom House as with
his customers. On the other hand, the manu-
facturer, jealous of the advantages of protec-
tion, insists that the highest market price
should always be the basis of appraisement;
that the importer is constantly engaged in
efforts to defraud the government, and that
he is unjustly favored unless all the decisions
and interpretations of the Treasury are ad-
verse to the importer. We know nothing
as to the justice of the complaints of the
Canadian hardware trade, but such com-
plaints seem to be the inevitable outgrowth
of radical tariff changes; and the fact that
great dissatisfaction exists with the appraisement
of hardware at the Custom Houses of the
Dominion, does not necessarily prove that
the government is being wronged in the
matter of duties. Irregularities in valua-
tions cannot be avoided in organizing the
machinery of a new tariff system. As to
the complaints that great quantities of for-
eign goods are smuggled into the Dominion
without paying any duty at all, we have no
doubt these are well founded. There is
great inducement to smugglers, and every
opportunity for carrying on their business
on a large scale. There are a great many
clever people in this country who would not
object to sharing the profits of a contraband
trade; and if the Canadians suffer from
American enterprise in this direction, it may
afford them some consolation to remember
that they are being repaid in their own
coin for their long and, generally success-
ful, efforts to profit by the inability of
the United States to protect its Canadian
frontier, until the decline in prices in this
country after the panic removed the tempta-
tion to circumvent our revenue laws. A
turn about is fair play, and nations will
always regard a foreign tariff as they do a
foreign blockade—something to be respected
only so long as it is enforced with such vigi-

lance as to make the risks greater than the
chances of profit.

English Iron Trade Statistics for 1878.

From the annual report of the secretary
of the British Iron Trade Association, Mr.
J. S. Jeans, we gather some interesting sta-
tistical data. In general, the pig iron trade
has experienced an unparalleled depression
in nearly every district of England and
Scotland; and, notwithstanding a large de-
crease of production, there has been a nota-
ble accumulation of stock in stores and in
first hands, causing a steady decline of
prices. In the great Cleveland district, the
production of which has increased without
interruption since 1869, when 1,233,418 tons
were made, the make fell off by 115,000 tons,
the exact figures being, for 1877, 2,138,378
tons, and for 1878, 2,023,177 tons. Out of
165 furnaces, 92 were in blast in 1877, while
106 out of 162 were working in 1877. Con-
currently with this decline in the make,
stocks increased to the extent of 64,000 tons,
which left on hand in warrant stores, 89,198
tons, and in makers' stores, 248,139 tons—a
total of 337,337 tons, against 273,946 tons
for the close of 1877. The price of pig iron,
which in 1873 averaged £5. 9/2 (\$26.46), fell
to £1. 18/2 (\$9.28) for 1878.

The state of affairs was as bad or worse
in Scotland, where 92 furnaces turned out
902,000 tons, against 84 making 982,000
tons in 1877, while the stock on hand at the
close of the year had reached 619,000 tons,
or nine months' output, an increase of 114,-
000 tons as compared with the preceding
year. For this surplus a market was ob-
tainable, on the 31st of December, 1878, only
at the exceptionally low figure of £2. 3/3
(\$10.46).

A striking illustration of the rapidity with
which a flourishing district may fall into
decay, is exhibited by the statistics of South
Staffordshire, whose iron trade is unable to
compete with that of the Cleveland, Lincoln-
shire, Northamptonshire and West Coast
districts. The total number of furnaces in
blast has been reduced to 24, while 123 fur-
naces are cold. These 24 furnaces repre-
sent an output of not more than 250,000
tons. In North Staffordshire 21 furnaces
turned out 200,000 tons, or 50,000 tons less
than the preceding year, while South Wales,
with 54 furnaces, fell off from 710,000 tons
in 1877 to a little over 660,000 tons in 1878.
In the Lancashire and Cumberland districts,
where hematite pig for Bessemer manufac-
ture is chiefly produced, the make of 66
out of 100 furnaces came up to the
output of the preceding year, but the
price obtained for the pig declined from
72/6 (\$17.54) to 55/ (\$13.31). Similar
complaints as to the unremunerative char-
acter of the trade come from Derbyshire
and the West Riding of Yorkshire, where
the production has remained stationary,
while Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire,
both of which have shown a rapid advance
of production since 1870, have ceased to
progress. This universal distress we know
has not been mended within the first six
months. On the contrary, prices have gone
on declining, with a restricted demand, and
there is as yet little hope of a recovery, es-
pecially as the general depression of the
agricultural, textile and other important in-
dustries continues unrelieved, and the ex-
port to foreign markets, though in some
cases temporarily increased, is met by a
sharp foreign competition.

Two potent causes have co-operated in
burdening the manufactured iron trade even
more severely than the pig-iron interest. It
has not alone suffered in sympathy with
English industry and commerce in general,
but has been forced to face a vigorous rival
in structural steel. The superiority of the
latter metal has gained for it a preference in
many uses for which wrought iron was for-
merly exclusively employed. Naturally,
this competition has been most keenly felt
in those districts whose products consisted
mainly of a high grade of special irons,
and thus we find Yorkshire and Derbyshire
suffering most severely, while many works
in Staffordshire have been either closed al-
together or only partially operated, and the
bulk of trade considerably contracted. In
the North of England—the most important
center of the malleable iron trade—no
shrinkage of the output has been noted. On
the contrary, a slight increase of 5000 tons
carried the total of the year 1878 to 410,000
tons. This is owing to a remarkably rapid
change in the character of the manufacture.
Within five years the manufacture of iron
rails, which in 1874 represented one-half of
the manufactured iron trade of Cleveland,
has sunk into insignificance. The manufac-
ture of ship plates rose very considerably,
while the production of angles increased and
bars declined. A glance at the following
figures, in tons, will illustrate this extraor-
dinary change well:

	Ship plates.	Rails.	Angles.	Bars.
1874	178,272	265,000	49,500	....
1875	173,486	246,000	41,246	....
1876	172,374	207,800	32,764	88,000
1877	214,000	36,700	67,000	78,000
1878	214,000	21,000	90,000	68,000

The Cleveland iron trade, therefore, has
become especially dependent upon ship-
builders as consumers, and it is a very
fortunate circumstance for the district that
the unusual activity in ship-building gave it
an opportunity for relief. How long this
growing industry will find it possible to
counterbalance the losses in other directions
and maintain a firm stand against the in-
roads of steel, is a matter which is difficult
to foretell from present indications. There
seems little doubt that steel plates will com-

pete for a large share of the trade at a very
early date, while the question whether steel
is fit for beams, angles and other shapes for
ships, is still to be settled. The issue of this
struggle over the question of steel or iron for
ships will, of course, largely affect the
Scottish malleable trade also. The latter
experienced a small shrinkage during
the year under review, having fallen off
from 218,000 tons in 1877 to 195,000 tons in
1878. Here also increased activity in the
shipbuilding trade prevented a more serious
decline, and it is believed that the expansion
of the trade referred to brought about the
reduction of old stocks, and caused also the
importation of malleable iron from other
districts. Scotland showed both a decreased
production and an increased local consump-
tion.

In Wales and Staffordshire, where no such
relief was offered for filling out the gap left
by the departed iron rail trade, matters
looked very gloomy. Wales, once a flourish-
ing iron-producing district, turning out only
80,000 tons of malleable iron, outside of its
tin-plate trade.

Such have been briefly the results of a
year's work of the British iron trade.
Disaster has overtaken many connected
with it, and many more have been carried
dangerously near insolvency. An enormous
amount of capital has been lying idle, much
of which is permanently sunk and irretriev-
ably lost. Large bodies of workmen have
been forced to abandon the iron trades, while
others have been able to gain only a precari-
ous living from an industry which but a few
years since afforded them and their families
ample means of subsistence. The outlook
gives but little promise of future improve-
ment.

Our Favorable Trade Balance.

The chief of the Bureau of Statistics at
Washington has furnished tables showing
the totals of our foreign trade for the fiscal
year ended with June, 1879, compared with
those for the previous year. The values of
domestic exports were as follows: In 1878,
\$680,709,268, and in 1879, \$698,334,951.
The values of the exports of foreign mer-
chandise during the same years were \$14,-
156,498 and \$12,093,792, respectively. The
values of the imports of merchandise during
the years ended June 30, 1878 and 1879,
were as follows: \$437,051,532 in 1878, and
\$445,792,141 in 1879. The total value of
the exports of merchandise from the United
States during the fiscal year just ended ex-
ceeded the value of the imports of merchan-
dise by the sum of \$264,636,602, as against
an excess of exports over imports of mer-
chandise during the preceding year amount-
ing to \$257,814,234. The above figures re-
late to merchandise alone. The imports and
exports of coin and bullion during the last
fiscal year were as follows: Exports, \$24,-
996,641; imports, \$20,293,000—an excess of
exports of \$4,703,641. During the preceding
fiscal year the exports of coin and bullion
exceeded the imports of coin and bullion by
the sum of \$3,918,811. The statistics of our
merchandise exchanges with other nations
for a series of years, show the following dif-
ferences:

Year	Total Ex- ports.	Total Im- ports.	Excess of Exports.	Excess of Imports.
1865	\$166,099,323	\$238,745,550	....	\$72,716,227
1870	292,771,768	415,938,408	....	123,166,640
1875	513,442,711	533,005,436	....	19,562,725
1878	694,805,766	437,051,532	\$257,814,234	....
1879	710,438,743	445,792,141	\$264,636,602	....

Since 1865, inclusive, there has been an
excess of exports over imports of merchan-
dise amounting to \$126,000,000. That is
the balance of trade for the whole period of
fifteen years. Of coin there has been an
excess of exports over imports every year
since 1865, the total balance in the move-
ment of coin being \$696,000,000. A very
large proportion of this sum was not, how-
ever, specie proper. It was silver bullion,
and ought to have been classed as merchan-
dise. The specie export now is almost all
silver bullion.

Emigration and Labor.

From reports received from England since
the editorial in a recent issue on "Emigra-
tion and Labor" was written, there is
evidence that faith in emigration, as a relief
for the English working classes, pervades all
departments of labor. We have talked and
written without stint about the severity of
our panic, but have not dreamed of such a
state of affairs as now exists in England.
We have had no such paralysis of manufac-
turing—no such armies of idle workmen as
are standing in the streets of the English
manufacturing towns with nothing to do,
for there is no such mobility of labor there
as with us. The workingman cannot read-
ily move from one employment to another,
nor from one section to another.

The depression in the iron trade has been
known to be very severe, but, as business
was improving with us, it was hoped that
the worst was over in England also. As we
write, however, the cable brings informa-
tion which, if true, shows that there are
worse days ahead. The dispatch referred to
says: "Several of the most important iron-
masters in the kingdom, it is believed,
have for a long time kept their works go-
ing simply because it would be utter ruin
for them to stop, and it was better for
them to keep on at a comparatively small
loss, than to have everything swallowed
up by disclosures which would follow
stoppage. Every one has known for a
long time that trade was rotten, and the
only hope was that something might occur
to bring about an increased demand and

"higher prices. No such thing has happened, and affairs have daily grown more gloomy. To-day an unusually large amount of bills and acceptances of firms in the iron trade fall due, and the city has been agitated by rumors that these would, in many instances, be dishonored. Similar rumors are afloat concerning a very important Manchester house."

In the English cotton manufacturing districts production has been largely cut down, there being a diminution in the past five years of fully one-half. It is said there are 500 vacant houses at Rochdale. The Manchester *Guardian* states that "the condition of trade in the Rosendale District is even worse. But six mills out of a hundred are working full time. Thirty-five are entirely stopped and closed, and the rest average only three and a quarter days a week." Couple these facts with the reported prospect of short crops, as the result of the unfavorable weather early in the season, and it is not wonderful that there should be a gloomy feeling among the British working classes well-nigh akin to despair.

In this trouble the only hope seems to be to reduce the population by emigration. We have spoken of the action of the Amalgamated Iron Workers and kindred societies. Within the past week we have seen three letters from England, all suggesting that our employers of labor extend aid to bring over these idle workmen to this country. One was from a prominent trades union leader, who offered to come himself and bring as many good rolling mill workmen of all classes as were needed with him. It is questionable if we need these men as skilled laborers, but of other work there is enough for them to do.

The Darien Canal Project.

If M. de Lesseps had not vindicated his claim to recognition as a great engineer, the newspaper accounts of his intentions with regard to what is called, in newspaper English, the "Canalization" of the Isthmus of Darien, would not impress the public with a high idea of his intelligence or capacity. A writer for the *Parisien*, who has interviewed M. de Lesseps, makes him reveal his proposed plan of operations in the following succinct and comprehensive style: "We shall first dig wells or holes of a depth of from 40 to 50 feet, and from these 'puits,' chambers or corridors will connect the whole top of the 'Culebra,' then the trains of powder being prepared the whole top will be blown up at once. To carry away the debris steam cars or tramways will be run on a 'chaîne sans fin,' and as fast as one wagon departs another comes up ready to be filled. Thus we lose no time. I shall have my doctors first prove the salubrity of the route, so that all precautions as to health may be made, but we really only fear the climate in the vicinity of the Atlantic Coast. I expect much of the work to be done by negroes, as they are very hardy and contented laborers when in a body or with their families. They can have their little cabins and ménage settled and quiet for years to come. I calculate that with everything furnished they will be well paid at two francs a day. The Chinaman does not please me so much for this style of work. He is more dexterous with his fingers, perhaps, but less steady and less able to be driven. The canal will be the greatest work I have ever attempted, and I am doubly confident, from the fact that money will not be lacking. It will be 47 miles long and 30 feet deep, with the same width of channel as the Suez, with eight basins for anchoring passing steamers, built alternately on either side of the canal. Thus fifty vessels in a day, if necessary, could pass and draw water as in open sea." If M. de Lesseps will read a little book published in this country some years since, in which the history of the construction of the Panama Railroad is given, he will be able to form a pretty good idea of the salubrity of the climate, without sending his physician out. He will also find therein good reason to change his estimate of the probable cost of labor.

We should be inclined to dismiss all such stories as creations of the fertile brains of ingenious reporters, if M. de Lesseps' wild estimates of the business and earnings of the canal had not shown that his enthusiasm has run away with his judgment. In his prospectus of the Darien Canal Company, the capital is fixed at 400,000,000 francs. Only 125 francs per share will be called for in the first instance. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. will be paid on the actual money received during the course of construction. M. de Lesseps estimates an income of 90,000,000 francs from the canal, and reckons that the shareholders will receive 11½ per cent. per annum. No wonder the London *Times* and our own leading journals ridicule the extraordinary calculations which have led to the conclusion that the proposed work will yield a net profit of about 85 per cent. on gross earnings of 90,000,000 francs, with an investment of 400,000,000 francs. Such fantastic estimates will not strengthen the confidence of American business men in the soundness of M. de Lesseps' judgment or the value of his opinions about the financial requirements and prospects of the proposed canal. It is stated that he will arrive in this country in November; that the work of surveying, &c., will begin in October, and that by January 1st he hopes to break ground. Whether he will secure the ap-

proval and assistance of the people of this country, which he hopes for, will depend very much upon what he has to offer us.

At a meeting of cabinet-makers in this city a few days ago, the following propositions were read and adopted:

First.—That the actual creative power of production is superior to the destructive power of consumption.

Second.—That the reduction of the hours of labor to eight hours per day would not decrease the present productive capacity of the past.

Third.—That the amount of production does not depend upon the number of hours of labor per day.

Fourth.—That the cost of production does not depend upon the rate of wages.

Fifth.—That under the present industrial régime the reward of labor is in an inverse to its utility.

This would be very funny indeed if it were not pathetic. The poor fellows whose uneducated minds and untrained reasoning powers are incapable of grasping the elementary truth of all departments of economic science, that the end and aim of human effort is abundance, and that abundance is not attained until all needs are supplied and all reasonable desires satisfied, are a sad but instructive spectacle when they meet to debate, in all seriousness, the arrant nonsense which their quick-witted, but superficial, leaders propound as great truths.

The severe storm of last week in Western Pennsylvania, while it worked destruction in many sections, proved a blessing to the coal operators of the Monongahela Valley as great as it was unexpected. Over 7,500,000 bushels of coal went out of the river to the lower Ohio ports, and a larger amount of the 16,000,000 bushels afloat at Pittsburgh would have gone had there been towboats to move it. The manufacturers along the lower Ohio will now be relieved from the coal famine that has caused so large a number to cease operations. The shipments in bushels were as follows:

For Cincinnati.....	3,006,000
For Louisville.....	3,994,000
For St. Louis.....	300,000
For Ironton.....	168,000
For Madison.....	288,000

Grand total.....7,756,000

This immense amount was made up into tows and started down the river in about 18 hours. As it is estimated that an acre of coal land will yield 100,000 bushels, it will be seen that this amount represented the production of 77½ acres.

The strike of the molders and pullers-out at Hussey, Howe & Co.'s, Pittsburgh, suggests several conundrums. These men are not employed by the firm directly, but by the melters, so that the strike is not against the firm, but against their fellow workmen who are a grade higher in the scale. Now, the first question is this: If a capitalist or a manufacturer who does not at once accede to the demands of his workmen for an advance, or who proposes to reduce wages, becomes thereby a tyrant, &c., what does a workman, a member of the Amalgamated Association of the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, become when he does the same to his assistant? Suppose these melters should refuse the demands of their molders and pullers-out, and should put other workmen in their place—would these men so employed be "black-sheep," "scabs," &c., or would the fact that workmen employed them make any difference? Since writing the above, we learn that the Amalgamated Association have settled the matter, and ordered the melters to pay the demand, so these questions will lie on the table for the present.

The Committee of the House of Representatives on the causes of the depression of labor and industries, formerly known as Hewitt's Labor Committee, have resumed their investigations, beginning at Chicago. This committee was originally created by the XLV Congress, Hon. A. S. Hewitt being chairman. The testimony taken by this committee last year was printed, but no report written. The committee was reorganized by the XLVI Congress, with Col. H. B. Wright as chairman, and to its duties were added the investigation of the Chinese question. Whatever cause there may have been for the existence of this committee a year or eighteen months ago, its day of usefulness would seem to have passed. There does not appear to be at present much depression in labor or industries, or if there be in some exceptional cases, it will not continue long. The accumulation of evidence that the depression is past is overwhelming. All that is needed now is that business be let alone by legislation. The natural vitality of the body commercial will speedily correct anything that is wrong, and quackery and patent medicines are not needed.

The postal savings bank system, which has been on trial in Canada during the past eleven years, is said to have worked satisfactorily. In 1853, the initial year, the deposits were \$130,688.89, representing actually but three months' business. On the 30th of June, ult., there was due depositors the sum of \$2,925,390.80. The management of this loan costs but a fraction over half of one per cent., and interest is allowed at the rate of 4 per cent. Such a system gives small capitalists the advantage of lending their money to the government, which is supposed to be safe from any of the vicissitudes that affect the security of savings banks; but why the government should accommodate the people by borrowing the surplus capital of the country on call at 4

per cent. interest, does not so readily appear.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the protectionists to secure a termination of the existing treaties of commerce, the French Chamber of Deputies has passed the government bill authorizing their continuance for six months after the general tariff is voted. This delay gives ample time for the conclusion of transactions based upon the international commercial relations which have existed under these treaties. We are of the opinion that changes in tariff laws, whether increasing or decreasing duties, should never go into effect until after time has been given for trade to adjust itself to the new conditions.

One of the most significant indications of the revival of business is found in the disposition of buyers to place orders for larger amounts than they have been accustomed to do, and to lay in more stock than will be necessary for immediate wants. This comes, of course, from a feeling that any change in the market must be upward, and is a most satisfactory indication that there is a substantial and permanent improvement.

We learn that a large German establishment has been offered Thomas basic brick, by a Middlesborough house, at 80¢ (\$19.36) a thousand, f. o. b. at Hull or Middlesborough. This price, which is considerably higher than that estimated by Mr. Thomas, who places it at 40¢ to 60¢, may at least serve as a basis for present calculations of cost.

METALLURGICAL NOTES.

BLAST FURNACE HEARTHES AT CEDAR POINT FURNACE.

Mr. T. F. Witherbee, of Port Henry, N. Y., long and favorably known for his excellent contributions to metallurgical literature on the subject of blast-furnace construction and management, read at the last meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, a paper embodying his experience in working with hearths of varying dimensions. The first crucible was 5 feet 6 inches in diameter, with tuyeres 5 feet 4 inches high, and the cinder tap 4 feet from the bottom. Great trouble was found in holding iron a proper length of time, four hours being the outside limit when working well, and two hours or less if working badly. "Breakouts" through the iron notches were not uncommon. They alternated with hard notches. The coil tuyeres originally were flush with the brickwork, 5 feet 6 inches from nose to nose, but they were finally drawn back, until 6 feet 4 inches apart, and still later Nos. 3 and 6 were further withdrawn, until 7 feet 10 inches apart. It effectually broke up a tendency to hang, which had given some trouble during the blast, in one case lasting 2½ hours, and another 44, followed by slips of 13 feet and 19 feet respectively. Coil tuyeres were used the first three months, and bronze tuyeres ever since, and also the Lürmann front. The brickwork was only saved by a free use of water, introduced through 12 holes drilled above the tuyeres to within 1 foot of the nose. Breakouts around the Lürmann front were quite frequent, causing terrific explosions, blowing off the outer course of blocks (bricks), sometimes one-fourth or one-third of the circumference of the hearth.

For the second blast three wells and a water-jacket were adopted, the bosh increased to 17 feet, and the angle from 71 to 77 degrees. Owing to the castings coming too large, the hearth was put in 8 feet 8 inches in diameter instead of 8 feet, as intended. The cinder-tap was 3 feet 7½ inches high and the tuyeres 6 feet 1½ inches. This large hearth held no more iron than the first one, and, safely, not so much. For a time six-hour casts were made by plugging up the cinder-taps and taking the chances, hoping that by holding it in the hearth might enlarge. As a result, a break-out through the Lürmann front occurred. The furnace worked with a core, causing a rapid cutting away of the brickwork, which was only limited by the water-jacket and boiler-iron casing of the boshes. Above the tuyeres the coal was found in direct contact with the water-jacket, and also with the bosh casing over No. 6 tuyere. During the blast the jacket gave no indication of being bare of bricks, though the bosh casing did, and was only saved by water. Not a vestige of the bosh remained. Upon removing the bell, a hole 8 feet in diameter extended down 55 feet, within 9 feet of the tuyeres. Had this been known, and the hole filled up with coal, the furnace might probably have been saved. By the use of kerosene oil anything could be melted in front of the tuyeres, but the mass could not be got to run out, owing to its being largely composed of lime.

Probably the reason why this large hearth held so little iron was mainly owing to the great weight of materials in the stack—over 800 gross tons—187 pounds per cubic foot—the large diameter of hearth and the steepness of the bosh allowing the stock to sit down on the bottom and pack into the crucible.

The dimensions of the hearth succeeding this large one were made similar to those of the first hearth. The distance between the tuyeres was chosen at 6 feet 4 inches. The tuyeres were placed 7 feet from the bottom, and cinder tap 5 feet 8 inches. The angle of bosh was changed from 77 to 72½ degrees, not intentionally, but in order to join it on where the cutting left the lining in best shape to do. The iron notch was made continuous 4½ feet high, as in No. 2, and in blowing-in in each case the crucible was rammed full of sawdust up to cinder tap. The first tappings of cinder were drawn through the iron notch, which was tapped about half way up. No attempt was made at first to get the bottom of the notch, but it was opened lower and lower each cast, and iron always found. Possibly it might have been found at the bottom much sooner than looked for, but it was thought best to adopt the sure plan of working it down in about

two days. The working of this hearth has been very satisfactory; the iron notch has never been hard, and only a few break-outs have occurred. There has been no tendency to fill up in the bottom, but, on the contrary, it has cut down 18 inches during the year it has been in use. Iron has been held ten hours, the regular time being six hours. In only two instances has iron been known to pass through the cinder tap, and then only in trifling amounts when working too hot, while in Nos. 1 and 2 it caused the loss of many cinder notches. During this blast but two have been used up, while two more were in use 317 days, through which had flowed over 20,000 tons of cinder. The experience at Cedar Point proves, therefore, that in order to use the Lürmann front with best results, the cinder block must be set high enough, so that iron will neither flow out nor be blown out. Sixteen inches is about the proper distance between the cinder block and center of blast tuyeres, which in this case makes 7 feet from the bottom of the hearth.

A point in favor of high tuyeres, is that if set high enough, so that there is no probability of the iron rising up to them, the danger of losing them is reduced at least 50 per cent., since cinder will not cut them, and there is only left the drilling effect of the iron drip on top to contend with. There need be no fear of the crucible filling up; on the contrary, the tendency to cut down will be increased somewhat in proportion to the increased ferrostatic pressure. As the iron notch, cinder tap and blast tuyeres have nothing in common, there seems to be no good reason for putting them so nearly on the same level as to interfere with one another.

THE DENSITY OF SLAGS AND THEIR PERCENTAGE OF SILICA.

With the object of attracting attention to a simple method of ascertaining approximately the amount of silica in slags from lead, copper or silver smelting, Mr. Thomas MacFarlane, of Wyandotte, Michigan, has collected some data on the relation of the density of such slags and their density. The general rule is that the most silicious slags are the lightest, while the most basic have the highest density. Of course, the variations of the relative amounts of the different bases entering into the slag, the oxide of iron, lime and alumina make the figures obtained in one locality of little value to other works. In each establishment where the proportions of the different bases remain approximately equal, a series of determinations tabulated may prove of value in giving a tolerably close approximation to the amount of silica in the slag. Any fluctuations in its acidity can be thus more accurately corrected than by judging alone from its fluidity, fracture &c., the usual guides.

THE HOLLOWAY PROCESS FOR LEAD ORES.

In the *Journal of the Society of Arts*, Mr. John Holloway has published a short résumé of his process of smelting metallic sulphides by blowing air through them when in a molten state, and of the applications to which it may be put. Among others he makes the following claim: "The process may be employed for the reduction of even the more volatile metals. It is well known that sulphide of lead reacts upon oxide of lead with the production of metallic lead and sulphurous acid. If, therefore, a limited amount of air is blown into molten sulphide of lead, the oxide thus formed in the lower part of the furnace will, in passing upward, come in contact with the hot sulphide of lead, and metallic lead will result with the evolution of sulphurous acid. The furnace having a quiescent hearth below the tuyeres, the metallic lead will collect there, and can be from time to time withdrawn. A limited amount of air must be employed, because if it is driven in too quickly the sulphide of lead would rapidly distill off. In thus treating argentiferous lead ores, the silver (and gold if present) would be found with the first metallic lead reduced. When thus treating galena the furnace should have a basic lining." There can be no doubt that such a reaction as that upon which Mr. Holloway bases his new process for lead sulphides does exist, as it is the foundation of the mode followed in many of the reverberatory and hearth processes. But even in these only a portion of the lead is obtained with its aid, and it is the one element in their favor that a low temperature, reducing the loss by volatilization, is used. Mr. Holloway's process implies a very high temperature, not inferior to, and probably greater, than that of the blast furnace. The production of the reaction requires a delicate regulation of the blast, which is quite out of the question with his method. It is altogether a different matter to concentrate copper, which has a greater affinity for sulphur than iron in a matte, than to reduce lead, which oxidizes and volatilizes readily. With silicious ores, slags rich in lead and silver could not be avoided, unless iron were used as a precipitant, while calcareous ores would be practically infusible or would call for heavy fluxing. With iron or copper pyrites, containing precious metals or not, many circumstances favor the process: with lead ores or even lead matte, everything is against it, and we believe that Mr. Holloway has quite an erroneous opinion of the difficulties to be avoided in lead smelting. Little more can be said in favor of the following plan: "If poor lead ores are added to a furnace charge of cupreous pyrites, the silica they contain will be utilized and combine with the resulting oxide of iron to form slag, the galena will be volatilized and be recovered as a sublimate, while any silver present will enrich the regulus. At present, by a costly process of crushing and washing these ores, the galena is concentrated, although a large proportion is left with the debris and passes with the water into the streams, rendering the existence of fish in such waters impossible. The water power now used for washing the ore could in many cases be employed for producing the blast." We fear that Mr. Holloway would find that the only advantage gained would be the preservation of the fish to which he so cautiously calls attention, for the amounts of lead lost by "sublimation" would be just as large, if not larger, than those abandoned by dressers in the tailings. Mr. Holloway is covering the whole range of metallurgy too rapidly to take a careful survey of what he

is pre-empting, and we would advise lead smelters to continue to blow 5 to 13 per cent. out of their stacks until he has shown practically that he can turn out lead economically, according to the formula: $Pb S + 2 Pb O = 3 Pb + SO_2$. We notice that Mr. Holloway is quick to apply recent discoveries in the metallurgy of steel to that of other metals. He advises the use of basic lining. Why does he not supersede the cupellation of lead by an adaptation of the Bessemer process? The only drawback, a silica lining, is overcome. Perhaps a Ponsard or a Pernot furnace would do the work.

EXTRAORDINARY WEAR OF AN IRON RAIL.

At the meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, Mr. W. E. Cox, of the Philadelphia and Reading Rolling Mills, exhibited an iron rail made at Reading in 1870, which had until 1878 carried 67,000,000 gross tons of freight, cars and engines, having been worn at the top of the head only 3-16ths of an inch during its nine years of service. The head was made from puddled iron bars, piled, heated and rolled into bars, 4½ and 3 inches wide by 1 inch thick, these bars breaking joints, heated and rolled into slabs 9 inches wide and 2 inches thick; the balance of the rail pile, which is in section 9 inches square, was made of 4½ and 3-inch bars, rolled from two-thirds old rails and one-third puddled iron. This was heated and bloomed, and then reheated before rolling in two-high rolls into the finished rail. The test pieces from the head bar of this rail gave a tensile strength of 63,000 pounds. The borings from the head of the worn-out rail analyzed as follows:

Phosphorus.....	.422
Carbon.....	.037
Silica.....	.392
Sulphur.....	.032
Manganese.....	.164
Iron.....	98.963

In making comparisons of the endurance or wearing qualities of iron and steel rails only the best of each kind should be taken, and the difference will not be nearly as great as has generally been assumed.

An Old English Trade Union.

One of the oldest trade unions in England is the Ironfounders' Society, which was established in February, 1809, at Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, and for 16 years was an illegal association, every member of which was liable to criminal prosecution. Engineering, which has been publishing careful abstracts of the reports of the trade unions connected with the iron and machinery trades, gives the following data on the contributions, disbursements and membership of the society, which deserve full attention, as they offer another good example of the work done by English trade unions, and show how their funds are collected and expended:

The admission of members into the society is regulated by a graduated scale of entrance fees, ranging from \$6.50 for those from 20 to 21 years of age, up to \$17.18 for those between 44 and 45 years of age, the yearly increase being at the rate of 24c. for every year up to 31, 28c. up to 37 and 73c. above that age. The contributions are 24c. weekly for full-benefit members, 18c. weekly for partial benefits, and 12c. per week for what are called third-class members, the benefits being proportionately less according to the reduced scale of weekly payments. Those who enter the society after they are 36 years of age have to pay an additional amount, varying from 3c. to 6c. per week, up to the age of 45. Accident and other levies are, in all cases, extra.

The benefits are as follows: Sickness, \$2.15 per week for 13 weeks, \$1.04 for 13 weeks, \$1.68 for 26 weeks, \$1.21 for 52 weeks, and 72c. so long as the illness continues. Superannuation allowance is from \$4c. to \$1.45 per week, according to the term of membership. The funeral benefit is \$48.40 for a member and \$24.20 for a member's wife; \$726 are given in case of accident, which is \$242 more than in any other society. Members out of work are paid \$2.15 per week. Those who emigrate have their passage paid and a grant of \$4.84. The strike pay is \$2.66 per week, with 48c. extra for the wife, and 36c. for every child under 12 years of age.

At the end of the year, 1878, the society had 112 branches, and 12,620 members. The number of branches is the same as in 1877; the number of members has increased by 18, after allowing for deaths and exclusions. In point of numbers, the society has been nearly stationary for the past three years. The number of new members admitted during the year was 606; those excluded, 374; lost by death, 163.

The total income for the year, from all sources, was \$176,260. The various items constituting this amount were: Contributions, \$148,858; entrance fees, \$3786; fines, \$1718; accident levies, \$5358; benevolent levies, \$703; auxiliary levies, strike purposes, \$4268; bank interest, \$6613. The balance was made up of miscellaneous items and cash returned.

The total expenditure for the year was \$275,780. The chief payments were made under the following heads: Donation benefit and traveling relief, that is, to members out of work, \$186,276. At the commencement of the year, 1768 members were on the fund, at its close there were 2615; on an average throughout the year, 1842 were receiving this benefit each week. Sick benefit cost the society \$31,562; superannuation, \$17,683; funerals, \$9704; accidents, \$7839; grants from the benevolent fund, \$2838; railway fares advanced to members, \$578; making a total of \$254,540 for benevolent purposes alone during the year.

The total cost of strikes to the society was \$3564, or if we add the grants given to other trades for similar purposes, \$799, it will amount to \$4363. This item is insignificant when compared with the preceding figures.

The English lead industry is very badly depressed, sharing the condition of iron. The Duke of Devonshire has given notice of his intention to close his mines at Grassington on the 1st of August. Production of the "North" mines has fallen off more than 22,000 tons as compared with last year.

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,
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The movements in the financial markets have been unimportant since our last report. The money market continues very easy at 2 3/4 per cent. to borrowers on call.

Government bonds have declined, especially for 4 per cents. We give below the closing quotations of governments. Railroad mortgages are in demand and quotations firm.

In the stock market there has been an active speculation in railroad securities. The unsatisfactory condition of foreign crops, and the very satisfactory condition of our own, makes it certain that we shall have an enormous Eastward movement of grain for export, giving increased earnings to the through lines, and those traversing the principal grain-growing districts. The principal dealings have been in the so-called granger stocks, and in those which are usually the favorites of speculators. We give below the closing quotations of stocks on the active list.

The bank return shows an increase of \$2,887,925 in surplus reserve, which now stands at \$13,369,950, against \$22,571,775 at this time last year, and \$16,043,075 at the corresponding period in 1877. The loans show a decrease this week of \$2,137,200; the specie is down \$84,100; the legal tenders are increased \$3,779,200; the deposits other than United States are up \$3,228,700, and the circulation is increased \$17,900.

The following is an analysis of the bank totals of this week compared with that of last week:

	July 19.	July 26.	Comparison.
Loans.....	\$26,719,800	\$24,582,600	Dec. \$2,137,200
Specie.....	20,610,700	19,927,600	Dec. 683,100
Legal tenders	50,508,000	54,288,100	Inc. 3,779,200
Total reserve	70,838,500	74,215,700	Inc. 3,377,200
Deposits.....	249,154,300	243,383,000	Dec. 5,771,300
Reserve re-quired.....	60,038,575	60,845,750	Inc. 807,175
Surplus.....	10,484,025	13,369,950	Inc. 2,885,925
Circulation.....	20,501,600	20,519,500	Inc. 17,900

The foreign trade movements at the port of New York since our last issue are shown in the following tables:

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Dry goods.....	\$1,596,105	\$1,609,405	\$1,814,707
General mde.....	4,621,498	3,711,254	4,353,706
Total for week.....	\$6,217,603	\$5,320,659	\$6,168,413
Prev. reported.....	5,937,653	5,157,753	5,704,479

Since Jan. 1.....\$155,385,577 \$176,758,872 \$176,052,897

Included in the imports were items of merchandise valued as follows:

	Quantity.	Value.
Anvils.....	192	\$1,639
Brass goods.....	13	1,903
Bronzes.....	7	1,401
Chains and anchors.....	51	1,897
Copper.....	184	284
Cutlery.....	115	46,872
Guns.....	59	12,027
Hardware.....	2	4,600
Iron, pig, tons.....	400	4,530
Iron, sheet, tons.....	31	3,516
Iron ore, tons.....	1,799	4,530
Iron, other, tons.....	87	20,438
Metal goods.....	136	24,511
Nails.....	10	2,811
Needles.....	10	6,497
Plated ware.....	9,007	9,007
Perforated caps.....	25	5,718
Saddlery.....	7	1,215
Steel.....	10,545	10,545
Silverware.....	10	15,782
Tin, bks.....	172	8,008
Tin, 1,500 slabs.....	56,618	3,675
Wire.....	30	3,675

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

	1877.	1878.	1879.
For the week.....	\$5,146,795	\$7,460,868	\$6,212,830
Prev. reported.....	5,244,779	58,593,815	57,528,099

Since Jan. 1.....\$155,385,577 \$176,758,872 \$176,052,897

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

	1877.	1878.	1879.
For the week.....	\$107,100	\$149,598	\$107,100
Previously reported.....	11,491,598	11,491,598	11,491,598

Total since January 1, 1879.....\$11,598,698

Government bonds were strong throughout, closing at the highest prices of the day.

We quote:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6's.....	104 1/2	105
U. S. 6's 1880 registered.....	104 1/2	105
U. S. 6's 1880 coupon.....	104 1/2	105
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U. S. 4's 1897 coupon.....	102	102 1/2

The closing quotations were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American District Telegraph.....	62	63
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	35 1/2	36
Burlington and Quincy.....	117 1/2	118
Carroll.....	60	60 1/2
Canadian Southern.....	59 1/2	60
Canton.....	39	40
Col. Chicago and Indiana Central.....	79 1/2	80
Cle. Col. Cin. and Ind.....	53 1/2	54
Cleveland and Pittsburgh.....	90 1/2	91
Chicago and Alton.....	88 1/2	89
Chicago and Alton Pk.....	114 1/2	115
Chic. St. Paul and Minn.....	61 1/2	62
Delaware, Lack. and Western.....	61 1/2	62
Delaware and Hudson Canal.....	40 1/2	41
Express-Adams.....	104 1/2	105
" American.....	40 1/2	41
" United States.....	47	48
Wells, Fargo & Co.....	97 1/2	98
Erie.....	28 1/2	29
Fort Wayne.....	119 1/2	120
Hannibal and St. Joseph.....	10 1/2	11
Homestead.....	30 1/2	31
Illinois Central.....	57 1/2	58
Kansas Pacific.....	16 1/2	17
Lake Shore.....	70 1/2	71
Louisville and Nashville.....	59 1/2	60
Manhattan Elevated.....	8 1/2	9
Michigan Central.....	8 1/2	9
Morris and Essex.....	92 1/2	93
Metropolitan Elevated.....	120 1/2	121
New York.....	54 1/2	55
New Jersey Central.....	72 1/2	73
Northwest.....	98 1/2	99
Ohio and Mississippi.....	10 1/2	11

Pacific Mail.....	14 1/2	15
Panama.....	157	158
Quicksilver.....	38 1/2	39
Rock Island and Pacific.....	139	140
St. Louis and Iron Mountain.....	26 1/2	27
St. Louis Kansas City Northern.....	19 1/2	20
St. Paul.....	11 1/2	12
Standard.....	28 1/2	29
Sutro Tunnel.....	4 1/2	5
Union Pacific.....	77 1/2	78
Wabash.....	30 1/2	31
Western Union Telegraph.....	90 1/2	91
Northern Pacific.....	16 1/2	17

GENERAL HARDWARE.

There are a good many Southern buyers in town, and notwithstanding the discouraging accounts from sections suffering with yellow fever, fair orders are being placed. The demand for General Hardware on Western account is, for the month of July, unusually active, and is accounted for in some measure by the growing belief that many lines of goods will command higher prices before long.

We print below advanced prices on Cast Butts by Sargent & Co. and the Reading Hardware Co., and although no concert of action, so far as we can learn, has taken place among the makers of these goods, it is believed that they are all tired of the unremunerative business they have been doing for a long time past, and that the advanced prices quoted below will become general. In other lines of cast goods which have been selling at extremely low prices, advanced quotations are under consideration, and when it is remembered that iron and labor have advanced within the past few months, and that the iron market is steadily looking up, such action is only in the natural order of business:

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No. 20, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 30, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 40, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 50, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 60, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 70, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
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No. 680, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
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No. 980, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 990, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 1000, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00

From this date, until further notice, our prices of Cast Butts will be as follows:

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No. 10, Narrow, Fast Joint.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 10, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 20, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 30, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 40, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
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No. 690, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
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No. 710, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 720, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 730, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 740, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 750, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 760, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
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No. 780, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
No. 790, Broad.....	50¢ to 1.00
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	Broken.	Egg.	Stove.	Chestnut
Hard white ash.....	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.90	\$2.90
Free-burning white ash.....	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
North Franklin white ash.....	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Schuykill red ash.....	2.75	3.00	2.50	2.50
Shamokin.....	2.75	3.00	2.50	2.50
Laryens Valley vein, Brookside.....	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Lump and Chestnut, \$1.75.....	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75

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AUCTION SALE OF 50,000 TONS OF SCRANTON COAL, JULY 29, 1879.		Average
15,000 tons of Grate sold at		\$2.45
5,000 " Egg "		2.45
25,000 " Stove "		2.75
5,000 " Ch'tnut "		2.50

The averages at previous sales have been :

	Stmr.	Grate.	Egg.	Stove.	Ch't.
June 25.....	\$2.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$2.25	\$2.36	\$2.41	2.41
May 38.....	2.00	2.04	2.10	2.1	2.27
April 30.....	2.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.05	2.08	2.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.28
April 9.....	2.03 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.05 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.05 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.08 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.27
March 26.....	2.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.18	2.13 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.34
Jan 12.....	2.15 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.25	2.25 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.05	2.21
Feb. 26.....	2.23	2.27	2.27 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.04 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.42

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Steamer.....	2.25
Egg.....	2.25
Stove.....	\$2.25
No. 1 Chestnut.....	2.25
No. 2 " ".....	2.25
Small Ch't or Pea.....	2.25

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Old Company's Lehigh at Elizabethport is quoted :

	Per ton of 2240 lbs.
Lump.....	\$3.40
Broken.....	3.00
Chestnut.....	2.50

The Lehigh Coals are all in fair demand except Chestnut, which, at this season of the year, drags somewhat. Freight is still without change. We quote \$1 to Boston and 90¢ to Providence; other ports in about the usual scale in proportion.

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last week's quotations. This condition of affairs has restricted business considerably and consumers have hesitated to pay so large an advance as is generally demanded. The furnaces are well sold up, however, and sellers are quite indifferent about new business, unless at prices which fully meet their views. While it is pleasant to record such evidences of improvement in the Iron trade, it is almost questionable whether the advance is not too rapid to be entirely wholesome. Consumers have not, as yet been able to get prices for their products in proportion to the advance in Pig Iron, labor and other items, and if the present ideas of furnacemen are realized, there must be a material advance in finished Iron, which can scarcely be obtained without considerable difficulty. Important contracts have been entered into on the basis of low cost of Iron and serious complications may follow if the increase in values is too rapid. The condition of foreign markets, too, should not be overlooked. Imports of Old and New Rail are already several thousand tons per week, and if consumers are too closely pressed, there is no doubt that foreign Pig will soon be brought into competition with the domestic article. It is difficult to quote the market, but the following may be regarded as current prices to-day, the demand being much greater than the supply: No. 1 Foundry, \$19.50 @ \$21; No. 2 Foundry, \$18 @ \$18.50; Gray Forge, \$17 @ \$18; Mottled, \$16 @ \$16.50; White, \$15 @ \$15.50; Charcoal Iron, firmer at \$26 @ \$29.

Muck Bars—Are again firmer. Sales have been at about \$33 at mill, but sellers are now holding for higher prices, say \$33 @ \$34.

Blooms—The market is gradually improving, and sellers ask outside rates, but we cannot hear of any material advance. We quote the market firm as follows: Sunkun Scrap Blooms (2464 lb), \$38 @ \$39; Northern Ore Blooms (2240 lb), \$37 @ \$37; best quality Charcoal Billets (2240 lb) for wire and steel purposes, \$58 @ \$60; Bars, do., \$62.50 @ \$65; Sheet Iron Blooms, cornered (2464 lb), \$53 @ \$55; Cold-blast Charcoal Plate Blooms, \$50 @ \$53; run-out Anthracite, \$45 @ \$47.50.

Structural Iron.—The demand is steadily increasing, and the amount of new business in sight is very large. There has been a good deal of inquiry from South America and the West Indies, but the amount definitely closed is unimportant, although prospects in that direction are quite encouraging. Meantime the home demand is sufficient to keep the mills fully employed at gradually improving prices, and business in all respects may be considered satisfactory, although prices as yet are not quite in proportion to the increase in cost of ma-

originators, except to make them the objects of a quiet laugh. A more injudicious thing can hardly be imagined. The effort to advance the price is so obvious that it can hardly have any other effect than to weaken the market and make an advance more difficult to obtain. During the afternoon little or no business was done, buyers and dealers seeming both disgusted. Prices remain precisely as they were before the sale, with the exception of the Philadelphia and Reading. This company on Tuesday issued the follow-

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Free-burning white ash.....	2.50	2.60	2.95
North Franklin white ash.....	2.50	2.60	2.90
Schuykill red ash.....	2.75	3.00	2.60
Shamokin.....	2.75	3.00	2.60
Lorberry.....	2.75	3.00	2.60
Jaykense Valley vein, (Brookside),.....	3.50	3.50	3.15
Lump and Steamer, \$2.75; Pea, \$1.75 per ton.	3.75	3.50	3.45

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25,000 " " Egg "		2.75
5,000 " " Ch'nutt "		2.56

The averages at previous sales have been

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Grate.....	2.25
Egg.....	2.30
	No. 1 Chestnut..... 2.25
	No. 2..... 2.25
	Small Ch't or Pea..... 1.75

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Old Company's Lehigh at Elizabethport quoted:

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Broken.....	3.00	Stove.....	2.60
Chestnut.....			2.60

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Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St.
PHILADELPHIA, July 29, 1879.

Pig Iron.—The market has been increasingly firm, and prices are again higher than on the date of our last report. It is difficult

Hamburg.			Pumps, pkgs.		
Hdw., cs.,	143	3,315	Cutlery, 1 kgs	37	450
Silverware, cs.		100	Mf. iron, pkgs	3	55
Mf. iron, pkgs	7	100	Pf. caps, cs.	1	55
Belting, bls., . .	3	850	Sew. mach., cs	46	1,242
Tinware, cs., . .	12	287	Cartridges, cs	13	401
Sew. mach., cs	850	15,396	Mach'y, pkgs.	20	773
Pltldware, cs., .	9	110	Film, gals., 13,150	1,515	
Cop. ore, cs., . .	233	3,600	Glass, bxs., . .	12	93
Mach'y, cs., . .	17	2,763	Belting, bales	2	212
			Notions, cs.	2	212

Hamburg.			
Hdw., cs.	143	3,315	
Silverware, cs.	1	100	
Mf. iron, pkgs.	7	100	
Belling, blks.	1	100	
W. iron, pkgs.	12	3,387	
Sw. mach., cs.	850	15,968	
Pitdware, cs.	1	100	
Cop. ore, cks.	223	3,360	
Mach'y, cs.	17	2,763	
Bremen.			
Ptlim., gals. 768.	168	57,379	
Ag. imp., pkgs.	283	7,970	
W. iron, pkgs.	1	100	
Gum, cs.	1	138	
Lib. oil, bbls.	10	100	
Mf. iron, pkgs.	10	150	
Car., cs.	1	100	
Copenhagen.			
Ag. imp., pkgs.	13	200	
Glassware, cs.	8	100	
Slates, cs.	83	343	
W. iron, pkgs.	1	78	
Mach'y, cs.	1	180	
Rostock.			
Pumps, pkgs.	3	450	
Cutlery, pkgs.	37	940	
Mf. iron, pkgs.	3	135	
W. iron, pkgs.	3	55	
Sw. mach., cs.	46	1,342	
Cartridges, cs.	13	401	
Mach'y, pkgs.	59	773	
W. iron, pkgs.	1	100	
Glass, bxs.	12	95	
Belling, bales	2	96	
Notions, cs.	9	913	
Glasgow.			
Lib. oil, gals.	655	375	
Hdw., cs.	33	995	
Mf. iron, pkgs.	39	1,023	
W. iron, pkgs.	4	100	
Pitdware, cs.	1	100	
L. hoops.	2100	190	
Mach'y, cs.	4	240	
W. zinc, bbls.	70	240	
Bird cages, cs.	4	100	
Belling, cs.	4	534	
Mach. oil, gals.	700	400	
Central America.			
Cutlery, pkgs.	32	910	
Ptlim., gals.	7350	777	

Bremen.		Glasgow.	
Ptim., gals. 96, 196	57, 379	Lub. oil, gals. 653	975
Ag. imp., pkgs 83	7, 970	Hdw., cs.	359
Hdw., cs.	8	Mf. iron, pkgs. 39	1, 053
Guns, cs.	1	Sew. mach. cs.	80
Lub. oil, bbls. 50	158	Ple'dware, cs.	
Mf. iron, pkgs. 3	1	L. hoops,	2100
Car.	1	O. x.	4
	1 800	O. x.	24
		Bird cages, cs.	2
		Beltng, cs.	4
		Mach. oil, gals 700	400
Copenhagen.		Central America.	
Ag. imp., pkgs 13	900	Outlry, pkgs. 22	910
Glasware, cs.	64	Ptim., gals. 73, 173	5, 000
Glasses, cs.	85	Glasware, cs.	16
Hdw., cs.	1	Tim.	18
Mach'y, cs.	1	Powder, lbs.	850
	1 180	Hdw., pkgs.	60
		Sew. mach. cs.	19
		Tim.	200
		Nails, bks.	11
		Mf. iron, pkgs 34	191
		Beltng, box.	1
Boston.		United States of Colombia.	
Ptim., gals. 73, 173	5, 000	Hdw., cs.	152
		Outlry, cs.	46
		Iron, pkgs.	178
		Tim.	200
		Nails, gals.	1860
		Mach.	5, 660
		Rifles, cs.	81
		Arms, cs.	1
		Powder, lbs.	450
Russer.			
Ptim., gals. 149, 977	12, 000		
Elsinore.			
Ptim., gals. 149, 977	12, 000		
Lubeck.			
Ptim., gals. 131, 105	11, 463		
Amsterdam.			
Ptim., gals. 257, 470	10, 310		
Antwerp.			
Ptim., gals. 946, 640	62, 635		
Rifles, cs.	5		
Mf. iron, pkgs. 34	598		
Mf. iron, cs.	3		
	1 300		

Ptlim., gals. 73,173	5,000	Glawassce, cs.	16	184
<i>Ruscor.</i>		Tinware, cs.	40	850
Ptlim., gals. 194,977	13,000	Hdw., pkgs.	60	715
<i>Elsinore.</i>		Sew. mach. cs.	10	444
Ptlim., gals. 194,233	10,074	Notions, cs.	5	202
<i>Lubeck.</i>		Blis, bales.	11	721
Ptlim., gals. 131,105	11,475	Mf. iron, pgs.	54	190
<i>Amsterdam.</i>		Beltimg, box.	1	75
Ptlim., gals. 257,479	19,310	<i>United States of Columbia.</i>		
<i>Antwerp.</i>		Hdw., cs.	132	5,005
Ptlim., gals. 946,640	62,635	Cutlery, cs.	46	2,547
Rifles, cs.	1	Iron, pkgs.	178	245
Mf. iron, pgs.	34	Ptlim., gals.	1060	200
Hdw., cs.	3	Mach'y, pkgs.	103	5,668
Beltimg, bale.	1	Rifles, cs.	13	1,604
<i>Hull.</i>		Arms, cs.	2	40
Pumps, pkgs.	3	Powder, lbs.	420	91
Or. zinc, bbls.	50	Revolvers, cs.	1	244
Hdw., cs.	1	Mf. iron, pgs.	45	975
<i>Limerick.</i>		Rifles, cs.	1	20
Ptlim., gals. 121,818	18,247	Notions, cs.	6	235
<i>Liverpool.</i>		Sew. mach. cs.	87	1,800
Hdw., pkgs.	150	Iron safe.	1	1
Mach'y, cs.	4	Salt, bags.	7	209
Fire engine.	1	S W Appa, pgs.	13	1,090
Pitdware, pgs.	2	Ag. imp., pkgs.	16	524
Sew. mach. cs.	10	Cartridges, cs.	602	2,252
Pistols, cs.	18	M'd g'd ls, cs.	4	240
Met. goods, cs.	14	Pistols, cs.	1	60
Beltimg, case.	1	<i>Van Diemen's Land.</i>		
Cars.	1	Hdw., pkgs.	124	1,491
<i>London.</i>		Nails, keg.	203	660
Scales, pkgs.	78	Salt, bags.	2,000	59
Stax, bxs.	260	Ptlim., gals.	139,000	16,000
Mf. iron, pkgs.	26	States.	20,000	475
Sew. mach. cs.	137	Ag. imp., pkgs.	103	3,959
Ptlim., gals.	18	<i>Dutch East Indies.</i>		
Hdw., pkgs.	73	Ptlim., gals.	491	54,000
Ptlim., gals.	251,948	Coal, tons.	207	578
Cars wheels.	100	<i>Philippine Islands.</i>		
Or. iron, pgs.	380	Ptlim., gals.	157,000	16,000
Ag. imp. bbls.	50	<i>Peru.</i>		
Or. zinc, cs.	30	Ptlim., gals.	16,165	1,750
Sew. mach. cs.	37	Mach'y, pkgs.	324	39,375
Notions, cs.	1	Mf. iron, pkgs.	516	1,900

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PHILADELPHIA.

Office of *The Iron Age*, 320 South Fourth St.,
PHILADELPHIA, July 29, 1879.

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French West Ind. S.		11	310
Ptln., gals. . . 5,000	600	Coal, tons . . . 200	1,000
Ag. Imp., pkgs 11	270	Slv. pltdw, cs 7	275
Barcelona.		Sew. mach., cs 2	515
Ptln., gals. 119,445	7,532	Cutlery, cs . . . 5	135
		Glas. sw r, pgs 4	35
		Hdw., pkgs. . . 103	2,202

Allants.		Locomotive.		1 4/75	
Ptlim, gals. 108,800	9,948				
British North American Colonies.					
Coal, tons.....	9235	7,030			
Hdw., cs.....	8	853			
Belting, rolls.....		3			
Hdw., imp. pkgs.....		3			
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	1	37			
British Guiana.					
Pumps, pkgs. 3,000		304			
Havre.					
Ptlim, gals. 304,055		16,990			
Copper, coils.....	300	56,250			
Hdw., cs.....	1	138			
Ag. imp. pkgs.....		2			
Dunkirk.					
Ptlim, gals. 195,941		11,500			
British West Indies.					
Hdw., cs.....	63	3,025			
Nails, kegs.....	50	804			
Wire, pkgs.....	50	33			
Coal, cs.....	7	133			
Cartridges.....		85			
Sew. mach., cs.....	4	84			
Ag. imp. pkgs.....	3	67			
Mt. iron, gals. 49,789		5,031			
Mf. iron, cs.....	7	72			
Notions, cs.....		80			
Refrigerator.....	1	105			
Revolvers, cs.....	1	654			
Mach'y, cs.....	6	974			
Tinware, cs.....	7	143			
Cuba.					
Ptlim, gals.....	4750	570			
Nails, kegs.....	409	951			
Coal, cs.....	5	124			
Mach'y, pkgs.....	33	102			
Glassware, cs.....	37	753			
Nails, bbs.....	21	254			
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	42	115			
Nails, cs.....	6	116			
Ag. imp. pkgs.....	4	545			
Cop. tub, cs.....	3	233			
Hdw., cs.....	115	5,335			
R.R. rails, lbs.....	2	84			
R.R. iron, bars.....	200	809			
Iron tubs.....	150	484			
Grindstones.....	30	67			
R.R. rails, lbs.....	3	3,890			
Boilers.....	2	3,890			
Pumps.....	1	350			
Iron safe.....	1	150			
Porto Rico.					
Glassw'r, pkgs.....	31	365			
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	35	739			
Surv. insts, bbs.....	3	519			
Mach'y, cs.....	3	61			
Nails, kegs.....	36	970			
Ptlim, gals.....	2,500	406			
Nails, kegs.....	27	90			
Hdw., pkgs.....	33	968			
Notions, cs.....	30	1,000			
Sew. mach., cs.....	3	533			
Prem.....	1	1,000			
Iron, bars.....	356	1,802			
Ag. imp. pkgs.....	6	105			
Tinware, cs.....	2	113			
Alexandria.					
Ptlim, gals. 110,000		9,380			
Brasil.					
Hdw., pkgs.....	175	2,434			
Glassw'r, pgs.....	13	110			
Ptlim, gals. 138,300		14,061			
Tinware, cs.....	1	35			
Mach'y, pkgs.....	4	477			
Iron, cs.....	200	1,000			
Sew. mach., cs.....	16	330			
Triste.					
Ptlim, gals. 520,067		40,619			
Constantinople.					
Ptlim, gals. 145,000		18,850			
Salonica.					
Ptlim, gals. 131,000		13,000			
China.					
Glassw'r, pgs.....	1	64			
Hdw., pkgs.....	4	967			
Sew. mach., cs.....	1	50			
Fiume.					
Ptlim, gals. 354,448		35,000			
Hayti.					
Ptlim, gals.....	7050	630			
Mach'y, cs.....	33	850			
Powder, lbs.....	300	120			
Iron safe.....	1	300			
Nails, kegs.....	5	39			
Venezuela.					
Ptlim, gals.....	3,840	354			
Cutlery, cs.....	1	104			
Sew. mach., cs.....	6	152			
COAL.					

The feature of the week was the Scranton auction sale of 50,000 tons, which took place yesterday noon. The attendance at the sale was very small, only 50 or 60 people being reported present

to quote exact figures, as the market has become very unsettled, some holders asking from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton advance on their last week's quotations. This condition of affairs has restricted business considerably and consumers have hesitated to pay so large an advance as is generally demanded. The furnaces are well sold up, however, and sellers are quite indifferent about new business unless at prices which fully meet

business, business prices, and they may need their views. While it is pleasant to record such evidences of improvement in the Iron trade, it is almost questionable whether the advance is not too rapid to be entirely wholesome. Consumers have not, as yet, been able to get prices for their products in proportion to the advance in Pig Iron, labor and other items, and if the present ideas of furnacemen are realized, there must be a material advance in finished Iron, which can scarcely be obtained without considerable difficulty. Important contracts have been entered into on the basis of low cost of Iron, and serious complications may follow if the increase in values is too rapid. The condition of foreign markets, too, should not be overlooked. Imports of Old and New Rail are already several thousand tons per week, and if consumers are too closely pressed, there is no doubt that foreign Pig will soon be brought into competition with the domestic article. It is difficult to quote the market, but the following may be regarded as current prices to-day, the demand being much greater than the supply: No. 1 Foundry, \$19.50 @ \$21; No. 2 Foundry, \$18 @ \$18.50; Gray Forge, \$17 @ \$18; Mottled, \$16 @ \$16.50; White, \$15 @ \$15.50; Charcoal Iron, firmer at \$26 @ \$29.

Muck Bars—Are again firmer. Sales have been at about \$33 at mill, but sellers are now holding for higher prices, say \$33.

Blooms—The market is gradually improving, and sellers ask outside rates, but we cannot hear of any material advance. We quote the market firm as follows: Sunken Scrap Blooms (2164 lb), \$38 @ \$39; Northern Ore Blooms (2240 lb), \$33 @ \$37; best quality Charcoal Billets (2240 lb), for wire and steel purposes, \$58 @ \$60; Barred, \$62.50 @ \$65; Sheet Iron Blooms, cornered (2404 lb), \$53 @ \$55; Cold-blast Charcoal Plate Blooms, \$50 @ \$53; run-out Anthracite, \$45 @ \$47.50.

Structural Iron.—The demand is steadily increasing, and the amount of new business in sight is very large. There has been a good deal of inquiry from South America and the West Indies, but the amount definitely closed is unimportant, although prospects in that direction are quite encouraging. Meantime the home demand is sufficient to keep the mills fully employed at gradually improving prices, and business in all respects may be considered satisfactory, although prices as yet are not quite in proportion to the increase in cost of ma-

terial and other items. We quote: Angles, 2.3¢; Beams, 2.5¢ @ 2.6¢; Tees and Channels, 2.7¢. Market firm.

Plate and Tank Iron.—The market may again be quoted active, firm and somewhat higher on most descriptions of Plate Iron. Some heavy orders have been placed, especially of Tank Iron, which may be quoted full 3¢ higher within the past fortnight. The demand is of a general character, and consumers all seem to be in the market at once, and nearly all clamoring for prompt delivery. The mills are full of work, however, and in many instances are compelled to decline orders, having already as much work on hand as they care to take in the present unsettled condition of the Iron market. We again advance our quotations, at which manufacturers appear to get all the business they want. Skelp, 2.1¢ @ 2.2¢; Sheared do., 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Common Plate, 2.4 @ 2.5¢; Tank Iron, 2.5¢ @ 2.6¢; C. No. 1, 2.6¢ @ 2.7¢; C. H. No. 1, 2.9¢ @ 3¢; Flange Iron, 4¢ @ 4.2¢; Solid Fire-box and Best Bloom, 5.5¢ @ 6¢.

Sheet Iron.—The demand has been as active as before, and a general advance in prices has been made on all descriptions of Sheet Iron, including Galvanized. This change was intimated in our last report, and we change quotations accordingly, with prospects of further advance at an early date. Common Sheet, No. 20 to 23, 3.3¢ @ 3.4¢; No. 24 to 28, 3.5¢ @ 3.6¢; Best Refined Sheet, No. 25 to 28, 3.7¢ @ 3.8¢; No. 16 to 24, 3.5¢ @ 3.6¢; Best Bloom Sheet, No. 16 to 24, 5.6¢ @ 5.8¢; No. 25 to 28, 5.9¢ @ 6¢; Refined Plates or Blue Annealed, 5.1¢ to 5.2¢ @ 2.9¢; Best Bloom, 5.1¢ to 5.2¢ @ 5.7¢; A Patent Planché, 10.5¢; B Patent Planché, 9.5¢; Best Blooms, Galvanized, 4¢ discount; second quality, 5¢.

Bar Iron.—The demand has steadily increased since last quotations. There have been heavy orders from the East by New York parties, who are anticipating higher prices. Considerable orders have been taken at an advance of 1-10¢ over the price current last week. The mills are all running full, and accept large orders only when subject to price current at time of delivery. The advance of about 12½¢ per cent, granted to the men has given much satisfaction, and as a natural consequence a greater amount of work has been turned out. The advance in the price of Bars, however, does not fully cover the advance in wages. It is a peculiar fact that with this immense demand for manufactured goods, such as Bar Iron, Nails, &c., the advance should be almost entirely on the raw material. The present quotation for Best Refined Bar is 2.1¢, but an advance of at least 3¢ per ton is considered imminent, and is, in fact, necessary, if the manufacturer is to have any margin to work upon.

Steel Rails.—There is no change in the general condition of the market, unless it may be that the demand is increasingly urgent. A large amount of business has been entered during the month, probably 60,000 to 75,000 tons in all, at prices varying from \$43 @ \$46 at mill, according to location of mill and time of delivery. The mills are crowded with work and manufacturers would be quite satisfied if the demand would fall off for a while, as it is impossible to meet deliveries as required. Prices are considered quite high enough, and there is no disposition among sellers to take advantage of the scarcity; although new customers may have to pay full prices, others are liberally dealt with, and if deliveries can be agreed upon, there is no difficulty in other respects. We quote \$44 @ \$46 at mill, with sales chiefly at outside figure for anything delivered before November.

Iron Rails.—We have again to report an active market, with sales to a considerable amount, at prices varying from \$38.50 @ \$46 at mill. There are several new inquiries, and appearances indicate that the present active demand will be maintained for some time to come. It is exceedingly difficult to place orders, however, as the mills are full of work, and, so far as we can learn, buyers of large lots, placed with Pennsylvania mills, would probably have to accept deliveries in 1880. Sales of foreign Rails have been made at about same figures as tide as obtained by mills in the interior. It is evident that a considerable amount of business from remote seaboard points will be placed. Sales of large lots for Galveston and other points have been made by Philadelphia firms, and it is likely that handling Foreign Rails will become a business of growing importance. Sales reported during the week amount to about 10,000 tons, at \$38.50 @ \$40 at mill; Foreign Rails about \$40 at tide.

Old Rails.—There is no particular change to note in values; sales during the week have again been large, and prices have varied from \$24.35 to arrive, to something over \$25 for spot lots. The demand shows no abatement, and as immediate delivery is called for, it is certain that the late heavy purchases have already gone into consumption. Buyers are not specially anxious to anticipate their wants at these prices, although sales to arrive have been made of several thousand tons at \$24.50. Spot lots are more easily disposed of, however, and for these we quote the market firm at \$25.

Scrap Iron.—The market has slightly improved, though prices remain unaltered. We quote as before: Cast, \$14.50 @ \$15.50; Wrought, \$24 @ \$25.50.

Spikes.—Are firm at outside figures, and heavy sales have been effected at 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢. The same may be said of Track Bolts.

Nails.—There is now a fair summer trade, though sales are slow. Prices about \$2.25. Sales in some instances have been made at about 10¢ less. As the advance in raw material, labor and freight has increased the cost at least 25¢ a keg, it is unlikely that these figures will be quotations long.

PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 29, 1879.

It is very evident that a better and more confident feeling is being developed in business of all kinds. This is demonstrated by the steady and increasing demand for all the leading Pittsburgh manufactures, as well as

the fact that buyers, instead of adhering closely, as for several years past, to the hand-to-mouth policy, are now willing, and in some cases anxious, to anticipate future wants. There have not been so many orders offering in Pittsburgh at any time since the panic as during the past few weeks. For iron products, including all kinds of railroad supplies, the demand is unusually heavy, owing to an apprehension, both on the part of jobbers and consumers, of a still higher range of values. Buyers who, until quite recently, purchased only for immediate use, are now in the market buying freely. There is a feeling of apprehension in some quarters that the improvement to which reference has been made, in the iron business in particular, will stimulate production, and no doubt many idle mills and furnaces will be started up; but in view of the light stocks and largely increased consumption, we do not think there is any immediate danger of a reaction. Another important and very encouraging feature lies in the fact that there is an absence of speculation. Business is being conducted on a healthy basis, and the situation in general is more encouraging in the West than it has been for a number of years.

Pig Iron.—While the volume of business the past week was not as large as that of the preceding one, the market continues strong and prices are still tending upward. The diminished volume of business is attributable to the extreme views of sellers, most of whom are asking a further advance; and as the mills generally have bought pretty freely, they are in condition to hold off for a time, although but few of them would, we apprehend, refuse to make additional purchases at the rates of a week ago. Commission men report that Pig Iron is scarce, and that many of the furnaces are sold ahead. Some of them have contracts that will absorb their entire product during the remainder of the year, and furnaces generally are so confident in regard to the immediate future, that even if in condition to do so, they are very indifferent about making additional sales; current rates. Moreover, the scarcity and enhanced cost of Old Rails, to which reference was made in our last report, is without its effect in strengthening the Pig-Iron market, as it has increased, and will continue to increase, the consumption of pig. It is worthy of notice that the cheaper grades of Pig Iron have advanced more than the better qualities, as there has been more inquiry for the former than the latter, which emanates largely from Old Rail consumers. The actual advance since the upward movement set in has been from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton. Forge Irons, which a few weeks ago were selling at \$16 @ \$16.50, are now held firmly at \$18 @ \$18.50, cash and four months. Better grades, which not long since were hard to sell at \$18 @ \$18.50, four months, are now stiff at \$19.50 @ \$20, with sales at \$20 for future delivery. Bessemer Iron may be quoted at \$21.50 @ \$22, four months, with a sale of 1000 tons at \$21.75, four months. Foundry Irons of all kinds are also from \$1.50 to \$2 per ton higher, with the exception of Charcoal, for which there does not appear to be much inquiry. A commission merchant, in referring to the situation, remarked that a few weeks ago it was difficult to get a buyer to even look at a sample of Pig Iron, while now they are ready to take all that they can get, if offered at a reasonable price.

Manufactured Iron.—There is no abatement in the demand, notwithstanding a further advance during the past week has been established, and our manufacturers, although not soliciting orders, have all they can do. Indeed, the policy of mill men here is to sell just as little as they can at present and refuse to make contracts for future delivery. From this it is very evident that they anticipate a still further improvement in prices. We now quote Merchant Bars at 1.90¢ @ 2¢, 60 days; Sheet on a basis of 3¢ for No. 24, and Tank and Plate Iron at 2.50¢.

Nails.—The advance is fully maintained, and we continue to quote at \$2.35, 60 days, 2 per cent. off for cash, and abatement of 10¢ per keg on lots of 200 kegs and upward. At Wheeling the card remains unchanged at \$2.10, with an abatement of 10¢ on 200-keg lots, although it is intimated that it would be difficult to obtain anything like a round lot there at these quotations. Nails must go up in sympathy with Iron; \$2, the net price there, scarcely covers the actual cost of Nail Plate, the maker losing the cost of keg, cutting, packing, &c. Indeed, it is asserted by those who ought to know, that, with Bar Iron at 2¢, Nails should be \$2.50 or \$2.40, net.

Rails.—There is no abatement in the demand for Steel Rails; on the contrary, it appears to be increasing. Not only is the Edgar Thomson Company sold up for this year, but it is understood that they have orders for some 20,000 tons for 1880 delivery at full prices. Your correspondent was informed by a commission man yesterday, that he could place orders for 20,000 tons for delivery between now and the close of this year, if he could find any one willing or in condition to sell them. Old Iron Rails are very scarce, and in the absence of recent sales it is difficult to give quotations. They would bring \$25, or possibly \$26. There is not much inquiry for them, however, owing to the fact that they are higher relatively than Pig Iron, having advanced 3¢ @ 3.7¢ per ton, whereas Pig Iron has only advanced 3¢ @ 2.50¢ per ton.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—There is an increasing demand, and the market is firm in sympathy with Iron. Manufacturers who, a short time since, were giving 65¢ off Gas and Steam Pipe, delivered, paying cost of transportation, are now firm at 65¢ off, delivered free on cars in Pittsburgh. The probability is that a reduction in discounts will be made soon, in view of the enhanced cost of Pipe Iron, and this, to some extent, accounts for the increased demand, as buyers are anxious to anticipate future wants. Boiler Tubes are still quoted at 47½¢ @ 50¢ off. Oil Tubing and Casing continue quiet, owing to the continued depressed condition of the oil business.

Steel.—The demand for all kinds of Merchant Steel continues quite brisk. The mills, as a rule, have about all they can do, and prices are firm, but without quotable change. The increased consumption of Iron does not affect the demand for Steel, and the indications are that business in both is destined to be active for some time to come.

Railroad Spikes.—The demand continues brisk, and prices are higher, with the mills all sold close up and some of them ahead. We quote \$2.35, 30 days. There is an active demand for all kinds of railroad supplies.

Horse and Mule Shoes.—There is a fair business, and prices are firmer, but unchanged; 100-keg lots, \$3.25 and \$4.25, cash; larger lots at special rates.

Scrap.—There is an increasing demand; prices are firmer, and for some articles higher. Old Car Wheels may now be quoted at \$20 @ \$21, gross and stiff; Cast Borings may be quoted at \$11 @ \$11.50; Machinery Metal, \$14.50 @ \$15; No. 1 Wrought Scrap, \$22.50 @ \$23, net; Car Springs, \$29 @ \$30, net; Car Axles, \$27 @ \$28; Boiler Scrap, \$22.50 @ \$23.

Window Glass.—There is a lull in business at present, as there usually is at this time, but there is every indication of a good fall trade. Stocks are comparatively light; but few firms have anything like a full assortment, and factories in the West, with one or two exceptions, are all stopped, as is the custom during July and August. Discounts are unchanged; car-load lots, 75¢; smaller lots, 70¢ @ 10¢.

Coke.—There is no falling off in the demand; on the contrary, it appears to be increasing, as might be expected in view of a number of furnaces starting up; hence, notwithstanding the large production and the increasing capacity, there is no accumulation, nor is it likely that there will be for some time to come. We continue to quote at \$1.20 @ \$1.30 per ton, delivered free on cars at ovens.

Coal.—The Coal rise, which was so long and anxiously looked for, came last Saturday, and on Sunday about 8,500,000 bushels were started down the river, consigned mainly to Cincinnati and Louisville. A large proportion of that consigned to Louisville, will be taken further south, if there should be sufficient water in the Lower Ohio to let it out, which at present is doubtful. The effect of these liberal shipments will be to close up the Cincinnati and Louisville markets, and we should not be surprised if prices were to go back a little at the Coal here ready to move out, as there was not water enough to take out that loaded in boats, and, if there had been, there were not enough towboats. Every towboat here that could handle a tow had one.

Petroleum.—There has been no perceptible change in the situation since the date of our last report. There is a very fair business both in crude and refined. This is evident from the heavy shipments of the former and large charters for the latter, but prices continue ruinously low.

CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts., Chattanooga, July 28, 1879.

The weather has been fairly pleasant during the week. General trade has been depressed on account of the fever excitement, though it has not as yet touched any manufacturing interest. The general feeling among mill and furnace men is better than has been observable since 1872, and all are selecting their orders instead of running, as heretofore, on such prices and for such parties as they could get. If we escape a serious epidemic, and we probably shall, this district will do a very large and profitable business the coming autumn. The week closes with cool, showery weather.

Pig Iron.—The demand steadily grows and is now beyond the means of the furnaces to supply. This state of things, continuing for three weeks past, has pushed prices up on several qualities, more especially in forge irons. We quote: Coke Irons—No. 1 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.50; No. 2, \$16 @ \$17; Gray Forge, \$14.50 @ \$15.50; White and Mottled \$13 @ \$14. Hot-Blast Charcoal—No. 1 Foundry, extra, \$20 @ \$21; ditto, \$19 @ \$20; No. 2 Foundry, \$16 @ \$18; Gray Forge, \$16 @ \$18; White and Mottled, \$16. Cold Blast Charcoal—Car Wheel Metal, \$22.50 @ \$27.50; do., Extra Standard, \$24 @ \$29.50; Forge, \$17 @ \$22.

Muck Bar.—\$27 @ \$34; Old Rails, \$20 @ \$21; Wrought Scrap, \$18 @ \$20; Old Car Wheels, \$18.50 @ \$19. Old rails and wrought scrap are very stiff at quotations, with advancing tendencies.

Ores.—Brown Hematite, 50 to 56¢; per ton, \$1.75 @ \$2.25. Red Fossiliferous, 50 to 56¢; per ton, \$1.20 @ \$1.60. The above prices for ores delivered in Chattanooga on cars, or on the wharf from flat boats.

Nails.—The demand is beyond the capacity of the mills, and prices are stiff, with a tendency to advance. We continue to quote at \$2.25, usual discount on large lots.

Manufactured Iron.—The demand for every article in the list is good and improving. We are not yet prepared to advance quotations, but if present indications are reliable we shall be able to do so several points on most articles. We quote: Bars, 2¢; Railroad Spikes, 2½¢; Light Rail, 2½¢; Track Bolts, 3¢; Treble Bolts, 4¢.

Coke.—We quote 11¢ @ 15¢ per bushel for washed foundry. Furnace, full supply at \$2 per ton, free on cars at Chattanooga or South Pittsburgh.

Coal.—There is no change in the market nor in prices. We quote run of mine, free on cars in Chattanooga, at \$1.25 @ \$1.75 per ton. Lump, as per quality, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

Pig Lead.—4½¢; Ingot Copper, 18¢.

Iron Rails.—Contrary to all expectations, the demand has been better than for several years at this season. The mill has refused to book orders for some 40,000 tons at offerings they would have accepted at the opening of the year. We quote at \$38 @ \$40 per ton, at the mill, and strong.

Steel Rails.—We quote at \$47, at the mill, with short supply.

CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, July 27, 1879.

Iron Ore.—The trade in Ores from Lake Superior is quite limited. This is not owing to a falling off in the demand. On the contrary, the demand is much more active than at any time during the season. But few sales are reported, for the Ore is not to be had. The standard Ores of all the mines are sold up to their fullest capacity. Prices are firm, and are higher on the last sales than on those made earlier in the season. Everything in the Lake Superior country is being pushed to its utmost. The mines are endeavoring to increase their output. The result may be that a larger amount of Ore will be put upon the market this fall. It is reported on good authority that a prominent steel manufacturing company of Pennsylvania offered last week, for 20,000 tons of Ore, an advance of 75 to 85 cents a ton over contract prices paid in the spring. Besides the Bessemer Ores, which are entirely out of the market, the other specular, magnetic and hematite Ores are almost entirely sold up.

Pig Iron.—In sympathy with the general better feeling in all branches of the Iron trade, Pig Iron is higher. It is also in much better demand. Sales are larger and buyers are taking hold more readily.

Bar Iron.—The price of Manufactured Iron is higher. Mills are refusing to book orders ahead at present prices, or even at an advance of 1¢ or 2¢ a ton.

Scrap.—Old Rail Scrap is out of the market, owing to short supply, and prices are high, \$25 ruling, and few to be had at that.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 28, 1879.

The demand for Pig Iron continues good, with prices strong at present quotations. Buyers concede increased prices with less reluctance than formerly, and the outlook is for good business, and at possibly better figures. We quote as follows:

CHARCOAL HOT BLAST.	
Missouri.....	\$25.00 @
Southern.....	10.30 @
Hanging Rock.....	22.00 @
COKE AND COAL.	
Missouri.....	None offering
Southern, No. 1.....	19.50 @
Ohio River, No. 1.....	20.00 @
Jackson County, No. 1.....	20.00 @
Hocking Valley, No. 1.....	20.00 @
Anthracite.....	21.00 @
No. 2 and Mill 3½ @ \$ per ton less.	
COLD BLAST.	
Missouri.....	35.00 @ 30.00
Southern.....	35.00 @ 30.00
Ohio.....	30.00 @ 28.00
IRON ORE.	
Iron Mountain.....	5.50 @
Southwest.....	4.75 @
Ore for fix.....	6.50 @
OLD RAILS AND CAR WHEELS.	
Rails.....	24.00 @
Wheels.....	30.00 @ 21.00

BOSTON.

JULY 26.—Pig Iron.—We quote shipping port prices of Pig Iron to-day firm and tending upward at \$19 @ \$20 per ton for No. 1 X; \$17 @ \$18 for No. 2 X; \$16.50 @ \$17.50 for Gray Forge, and \$15.50 @ \$16.50 for White and Mottled. Freight to Boston is easier, and we quote \$1.25 @ \$1.35 per ton. Stocks of Pig Iron here are light, and small spot lots command \$21.50 @ \$23 per ton for No. 1 X, and \$20 @ \$21 for No. 2 X. Old Rails continue to meet with an active inquiry and prices show a sharp upward tendency. The largely increased demand is caused by the fact that they are being rolled by rail mills, and some of the latter made large contracts, with the expectation of using Old Rails; but, owing to the scarcity of the latter, have been obliged to substitute Pig Iron. There have been further sales of 500 tons at this point at \$25, and some lots are held above that figure. In Manufactured Iron the rising tendency last noted has become still more pronounced, and we note sales of 100 tons Refined Iron at \$44.80 at the mill. Some makes, however, have sold at \$41. We quote Refined Iron \$43.50 @ \$44.80; Common, \$39.20 @ \$41. Small store lots now command \$1.95 @ 2.10 per cwt. Nails continue in good demand at unchanged rates, quoting \$2.25 per keg for ten-pennies. Sheet Iron continues to show an upward tendency in anticipation of the coming fall trade. Some of the galvanized iron manufacturers are also advancing their prices. Russia Iron is weaker, owing to the competition of importers. In the absence of any settled demand as yet, prices show a wide range, and we quote: 2½¢ @ 3½¢ for single Common, and 3¢ @ 3½¢ for double do.; 3½¢ @ 4½¢ for Refined; 6½¢ @ 7¢ for Galvanized, Nos. 14 to 20; 6½¢ @ 9¢ for do., Nos. 21 to 25; 11¢ @ 12¢ for Russia, perfect, and ½¢ less for do. No. 1 stained. Steel is in fair demand at unchanged prices from the stores, and we continue to quote: American Tool Steel at 11½¢ @ 12½¢; English do. at 14¢ @ 15¢; American Spring Steel at 5¢ @ 6¢; English do. at 7¢ @ 8¢; Tire Steel at 3½¢ @ 4¢; Bessemer Machinery at 4¢ @ 5½¢; and Cast do. at 6¢. Copper.—Small lots from the Boston stores command 16½¢ @ 17¢. There is no change in manufactures. We continue to quote New Sheathing at 22¢; Braziers at 24¢ @ 26¢, and Bolts at 24¢; Yellow Metal Sheathing sells at 15½¢ @ 14¢ for American and 12¢ for English in bond. Lead continues firm, and car-load lots command \$4.25 in Boston to-day. Small store lots are firm at 4½¢ @ 5¢. Prices of manufactures have not yet been advanced, and we continue to quote: Lead Pipe, 5½¢; Tin-lined Pipe, 12¢; Bar Lead, 6¢; Sheet Lead, 6¢; Block-Tin Pipe, 30¢; all of these are subject to the usual trade, or 10¢ discount. Antimony is still in light demand at 11½¢ for large lots, and 12¢ @ 13¢ for smaller parcels, and 12¢ is quoted and unchanged. Car-load lots are firm at \$4.70 @ \$4.75; and store lots at 5¢ @ 5½¢. Sheet Zinc is quoted at 6½¢ @ 7¢, according to size of lots. Tin is still dull and weak, and prices are in buyers' favor. A North Carolina paper reports the striking of a vein of Tin ore in that State which may prove to be a valuable deposit and worth working. If

such should be the case, it will be the first successful Tin mine in this country. We quote large lots of Straits 14½¢ @ 15¢, and smaller lots as below. We quote: Straits, 15¢ @ 16¢; Banca, 18½¢ @ 19¢; English L. & F., 15½¢ @ 16¢. We quote Plate Charcoal I. C., \$6.25 @ \$6.75; Coke, \$5.25 @ \$5.75; and Charcoal Terno, \$6 @ \$7.50.—Commercial Bulletin.

CINCINNATI.

Messrs. E. L. HARPER & Co., under date of July 28, write as follows: The large demand noted in previous reports has been well sustained, while the supply of all grades is continually becoming lighter. Accurate information received from every furnace in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia show that, with one exception, none of them have any iron on hand, and the majority have engagements made that will absorb all they can produce to January 1. In the exception noted, the stock on hand is small, and is not on the market at ruling rates. These conditions are not exceptional, the stocks being light in all districts tributary to the market. Under these circumstances prices are of course very firm; the advance already established being strongly maintained, it may fairly be said the tendency is toward still higher rates. The following quotations (4 mos.) show as nearly as possible the actual range of the market:

HOT-BLAST FOUNDRY.	
Hanging Rock C. C. No. 1.....	\$21.50 @ 20.00
C. C. No. 2.....	10.50 @ 20.00
Hanging Rock Coke and S. C. No. 1.....	18.00 @ 20.00
S. C. No. 2.....	16.00 @ 18.00
Virginia Coke, No. 1.....	19.00 @ 20.00
No. 2.....	18.50 @ 19.00
Shawnee S. C. No. 1.....	20.00 @
S. C. No. 2.....	17.00 @ 18.00
Hocking Valley S. C. No. 1.....	19.00 @ 20.00
S. C. No. 2.....	17.00 @ 17.50
Southern Coke No. 1.....	20.50 @ 21.00
No. 2.....	18.00 @ 19.00
FORGE IRONS.	
Hanging Rock, No. 1 C. C.....	19.00 @ 20.00
Hanging Rock, No. 1 Coke.....	17.00 @ 17.50
Longdale, No. 1 Coke.....	18.50 @ 19.00
Ala. and Tenn. No. 1 C. C.....	18.50 @ 19.00
Cold-short, No. 1.....	16.50 @ 17.00
Old Rails, prime.....	31.00 @ 24.00
Southern Coke No. 1.....	18.50 @ 19.00
CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE.	
Hanging Rock C. B.....	28.00 @ 30.00
Southern and Western Brands.....	26.00 @ 28.00

BALTIMORE.

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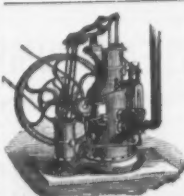
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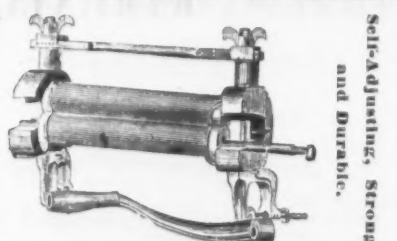
In addition to the two patents taken out by Mr. Sidney G. Thomas on his dephosphorizing process, a third, No. 217,962, was granted to him on the 29th of July, the application having been filed May 20. As the following copy of the specification just issued will show, it relates to a preliminary refining of pig, rich in phosphorus, previous to its conversion by the Bessemer process:

This invention relates to an improvement on my process for dephosphorizing phosphoric pig iron for making steel. Previous to this invention I had dephosphorized the iron by melting it in a converter lined with calcareous or magnesian or like basic material, whereby a basic slag was produced in which the phosphorus was removed. The present invention consists in treating the iron to a refining process, preliminary to the dephosphorization in the converter, in the presence of basic material in such converter. In carrying out this process I refine the pig iron in a fixed refinery or vertical Bessemer converter, lined with fire brick or ganister or silica bricks, until about from five-tenths of 1 per cent. to seventy-five-one hundredths of 1 per cent. of silicon only is left in the metal. I then run it into an ordinary tipping converter lined with a calcareous material, preferably the basic bricks described by me in former specifications. I do not, however, permit the slag to run into the tipping converter, but stop the runner so as to divert the slag into a slag bogey. The amount of basic addition, namely, lime, or a mixture of iron ore and two to four parts of lime to one of iron ore added in the tipping converter, is regulated by the amount of phosphorus and silicon in the refined metal. The amount of addition which it is desirable to employ is about four or four and one-half times the weight of the silicon and phosphorus in the refined metal. The metal is then blown in the usual way in the basic-lined converter, with, if necessary, a slight "overblow." Having thus described the nature of my invention and the manner in which it may be employed, what I claim is: The process of dephosphorizing metal consists in first refining the metal in a fixed Bessemer converter or refinery, with a silicious or other lining, and subsequently running the metal into a Bessemer converter, with a calcareous basic lining and in the presence of a calcareous basic addition, substantially as specified.

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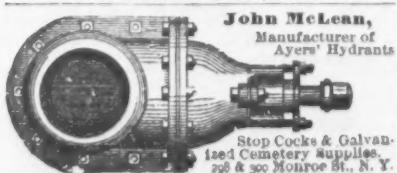
Only two metals are now used in large bells, tin and copper. The Belgians use 23 to 30 per cent. of tin; the English lean to more tin, 25 to 31 per cent. Tin makes the bell sound bright, but it also makes it brittle; and the reason why the English can afford to put in more of this brittle element is because they make their bells thicker, as a rule; and the reason why they are made thicker is, that instead of being merely chimed they are swung round on a wheel, which brings the hammer with great force upon the bell. If we treated the delicate Belgian bells in this rough fashion we should probably crack them—though if it were known that they would be swung, the Belgian makers could thicken them to order. They are not meant in Belgium to be whacked like big drums, but to be struck with hammers like a piano-forte. They resonate more easily than English bells, requiring a gentler stroke to elicit their full tone. In a word, the Belgian bell is a musical note, not a gong nor a drum. Secondly, the thickness and general proportions of the bell are of the utmost importance. Bells vary from one-fifth to one-twelfth of the diameter at the thickest part of the sound-bow, and the height is commonly about 12 times the thickness. English bells are, roughly, as broad as they are long, if you measure diameter from outside rim to rim, and length from rim to top of crown. But, in truth, the thickness of the bell at different levels is all important. The thickness near the top is as important as that of the sound-bow, and the diameter of the crown as critical a dimension as that of the rim. The deep, rich tone (in proportion to the size) of the smaller Belgian bells is probably largely due to the wide top-diameter, combined with the thinness in certain portions of the sides, half way down. The way in which altering the thickness affects the tone, and even the pitch of a bell, is shown by the fact that a sharp bell can be flattened by shaving off the metal inside above the sound-bow; and we are told that the bells have been destroyed by scooping the bell elsewhere until they disappeared at a certain point, but that on continuing to scoop they reappeared. All this shows how purely tentative and experimental is at present the art of bell-founding in England. In Belgium it is not scientific, but empirical—the accumulated experience of ages. A certain tact or rule of thumb takes the place of science. Rules there must be, founded on principles, but the masters cannot explain their secrets. They produce the work of art; others are left to discover the laws they have obeyed.

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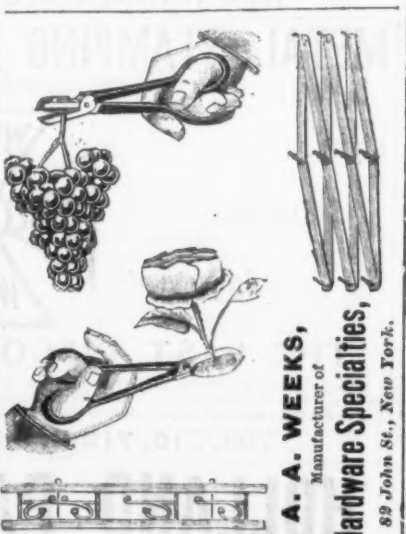
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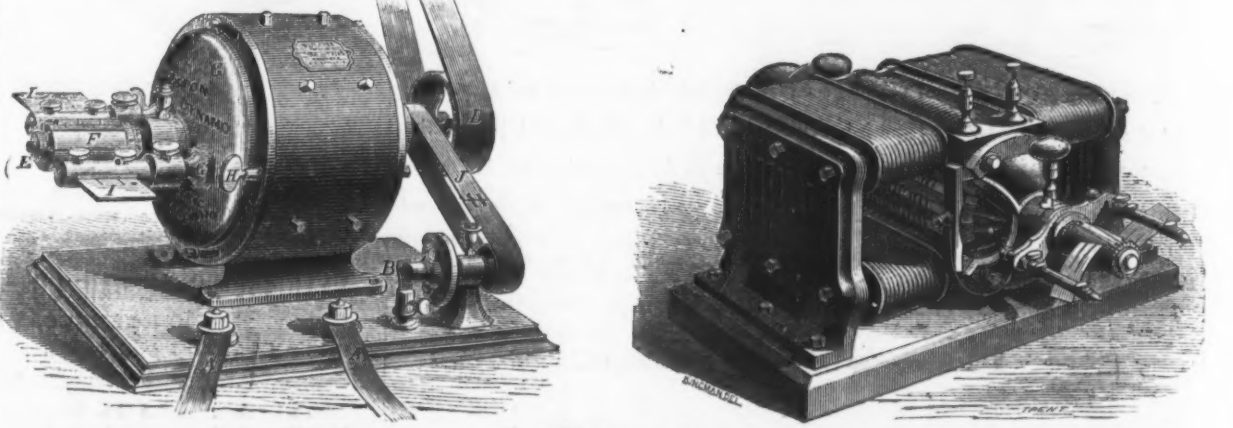
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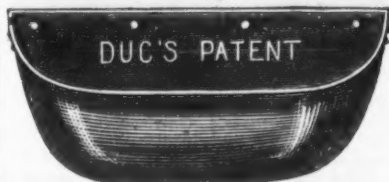
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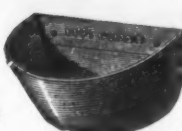
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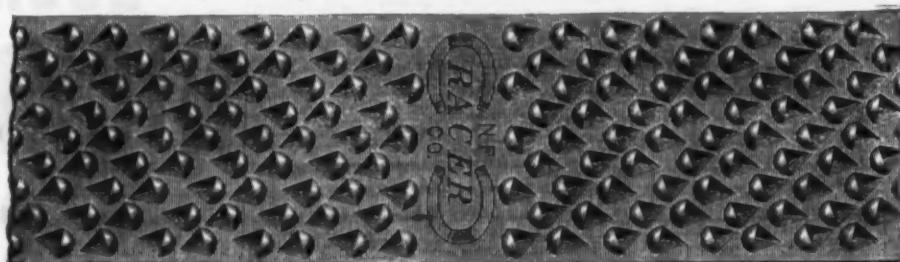
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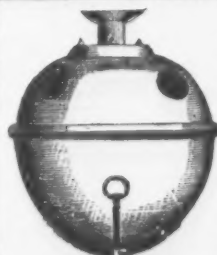
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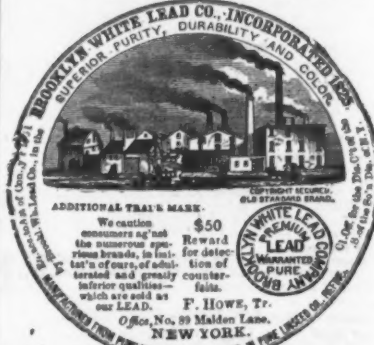
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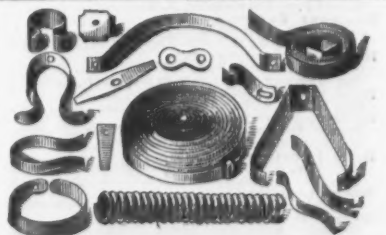
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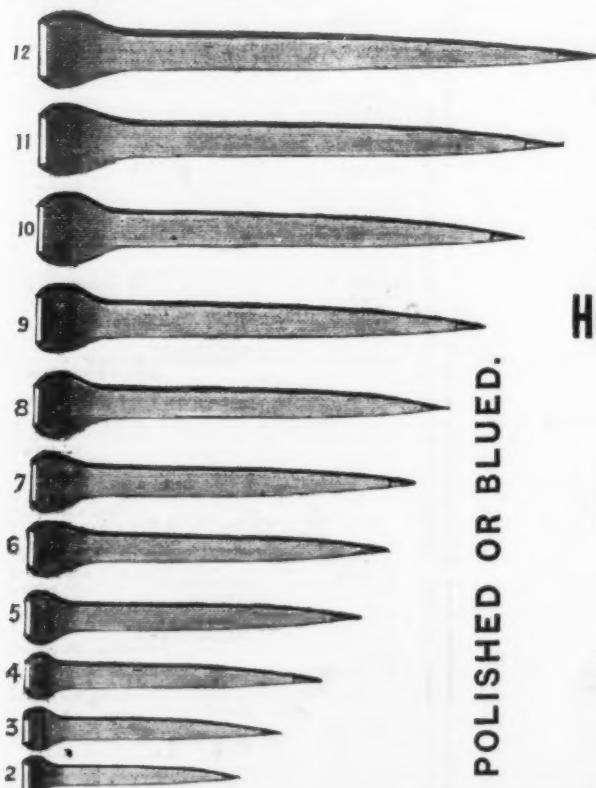
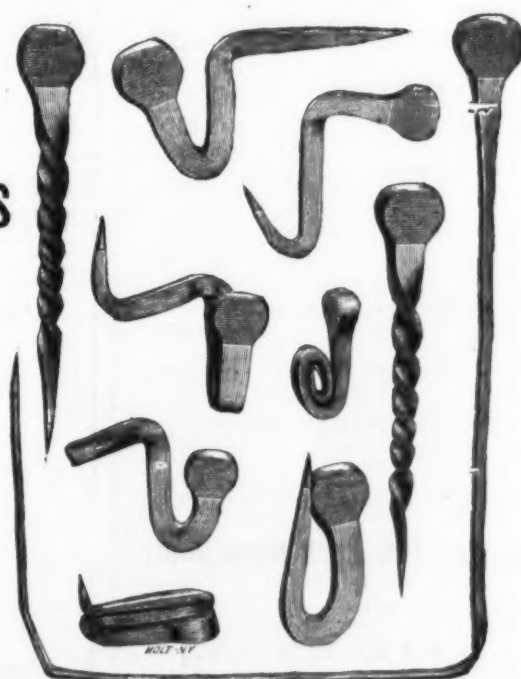
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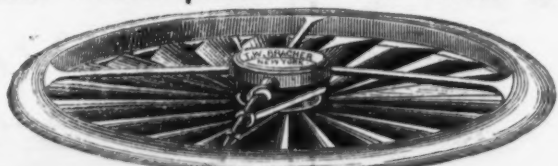
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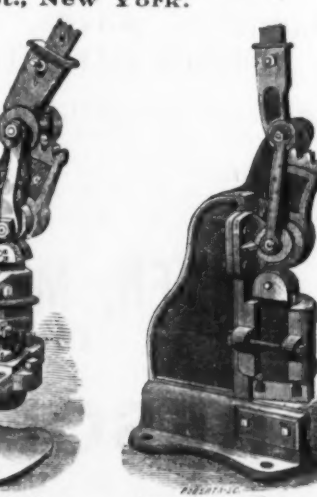
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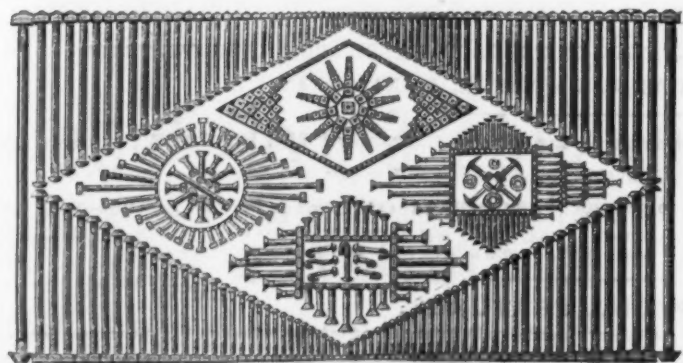
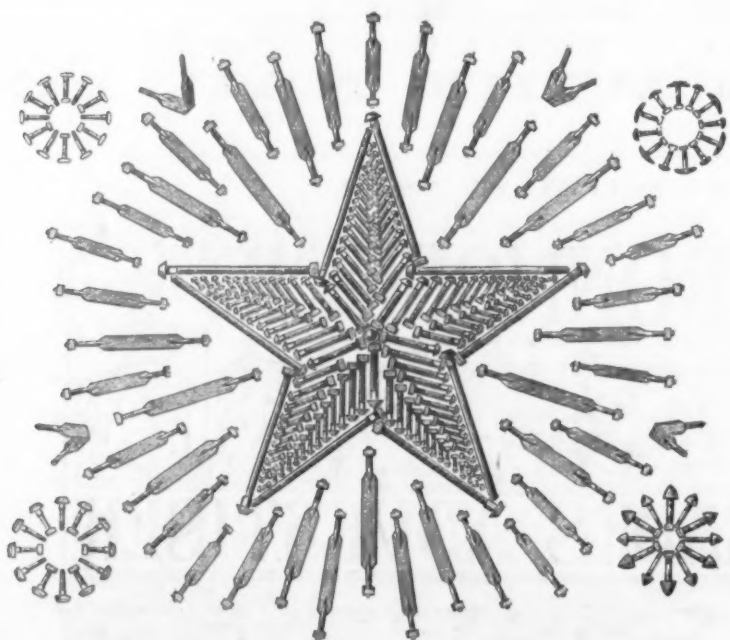
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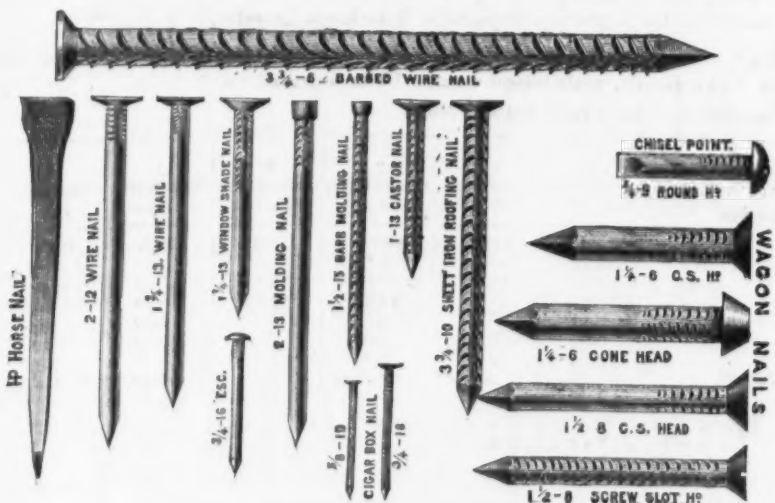


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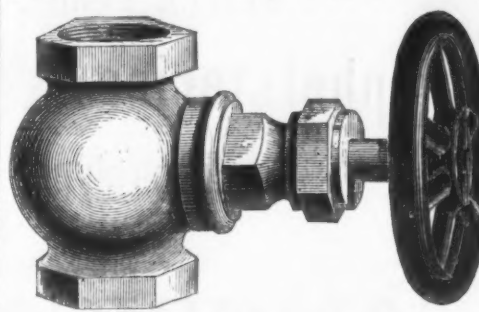
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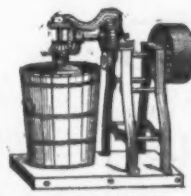
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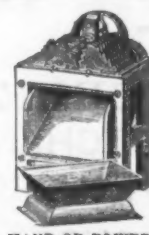
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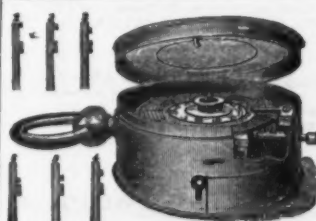
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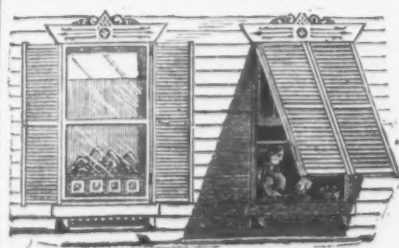
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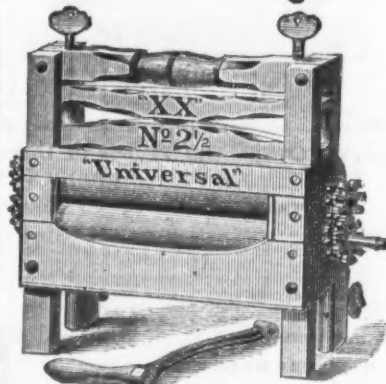
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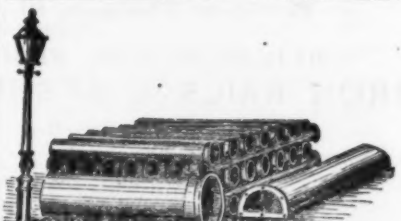
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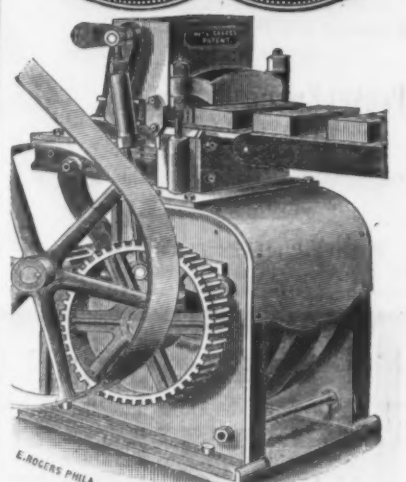
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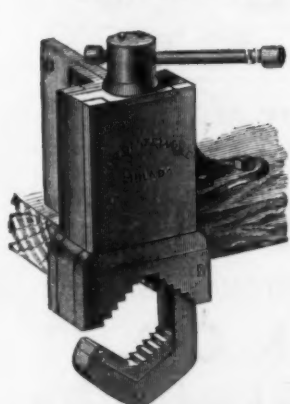
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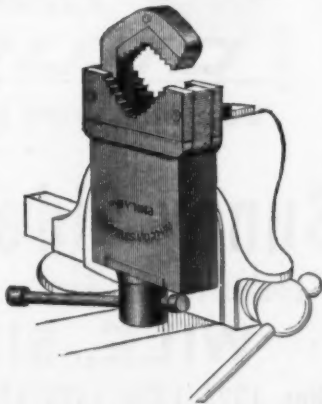
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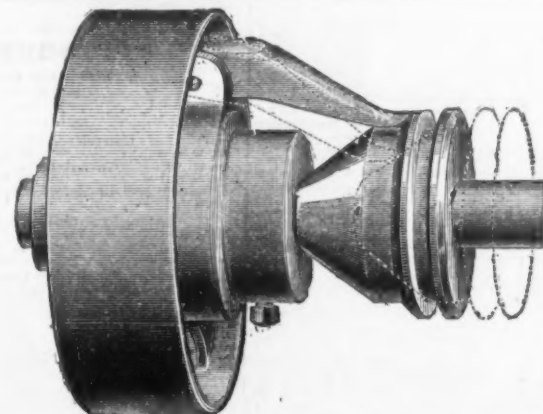
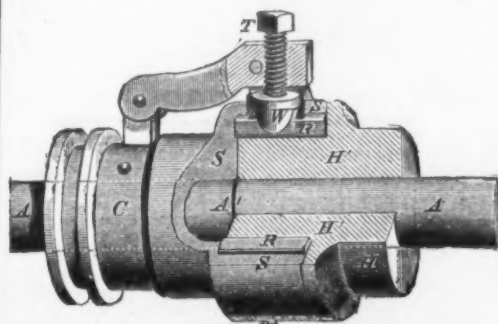
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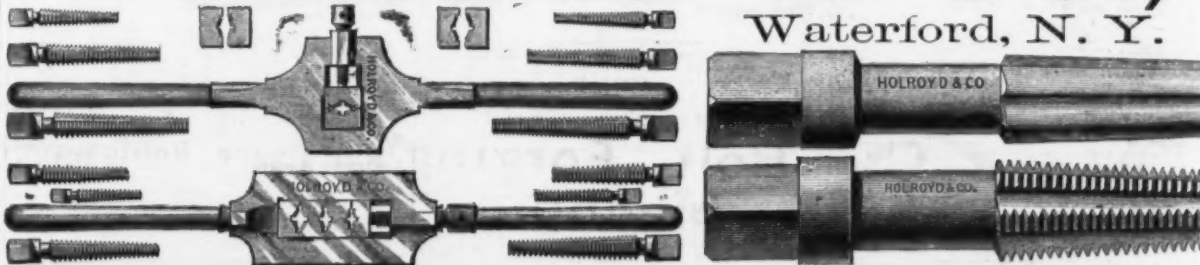
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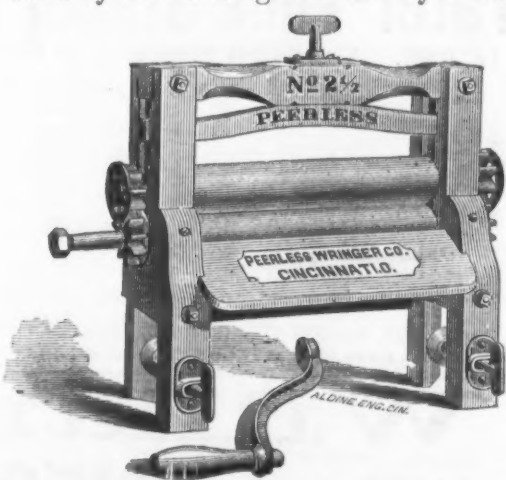
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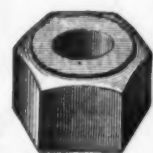
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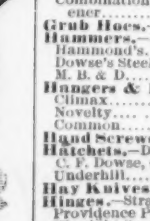
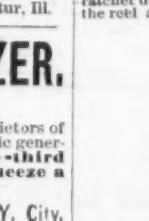
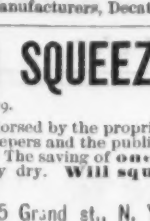
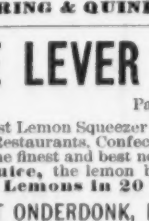
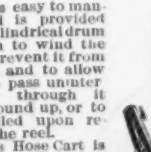
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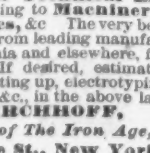
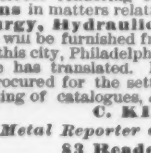
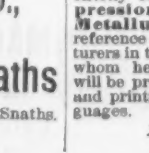
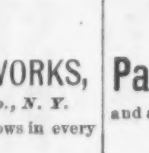
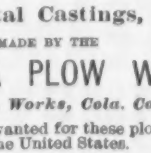
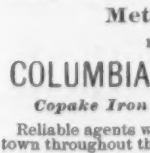
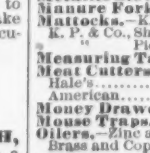
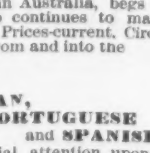
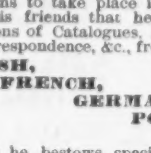
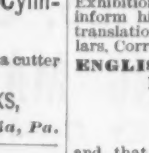
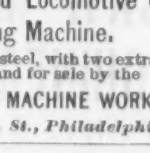
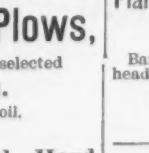
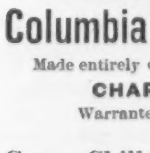
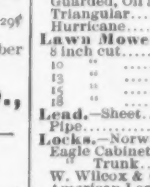
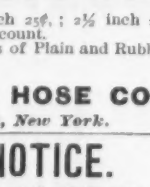
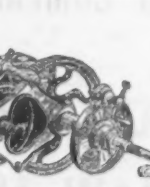
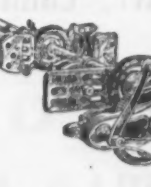
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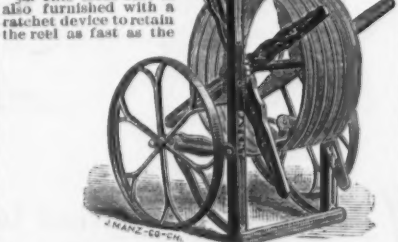
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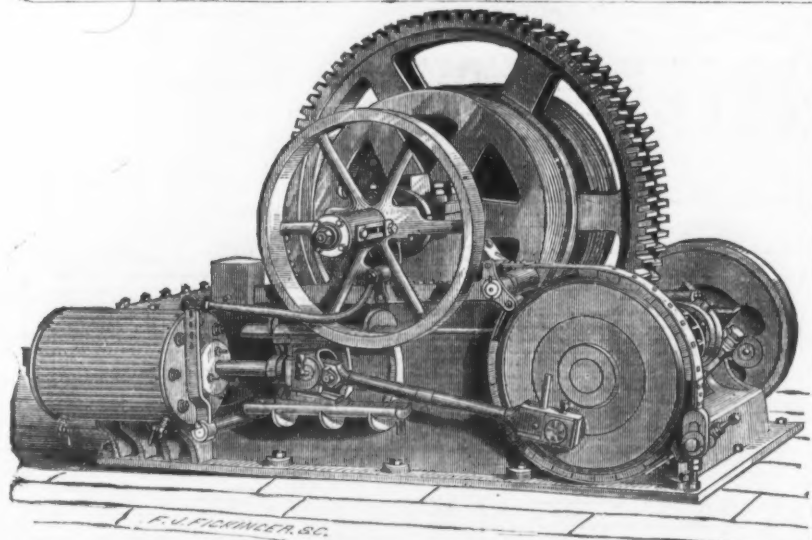
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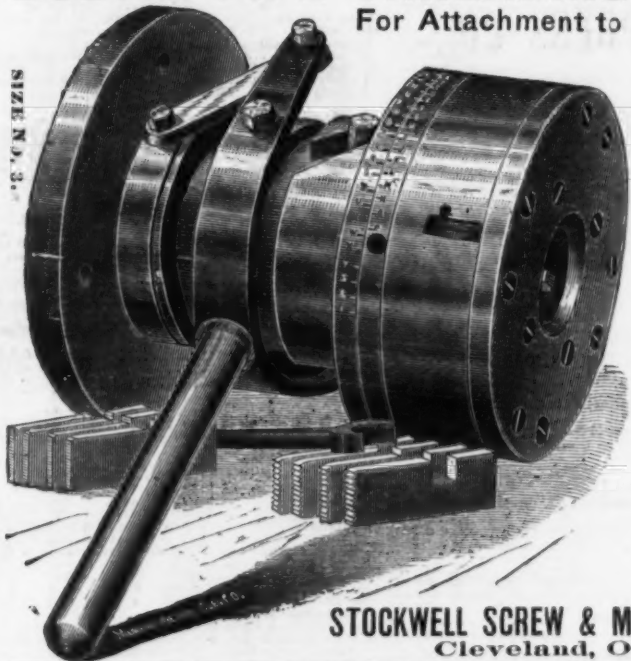
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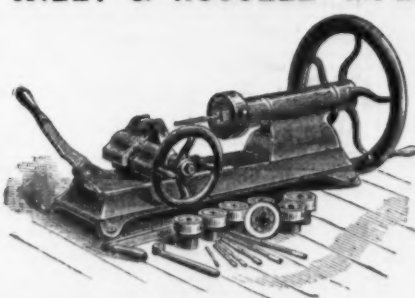
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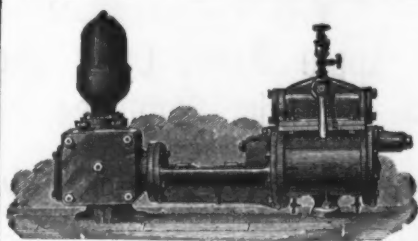
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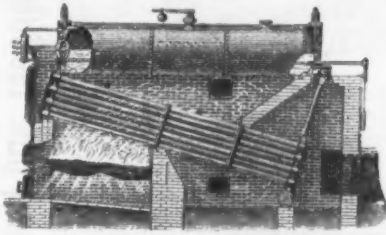
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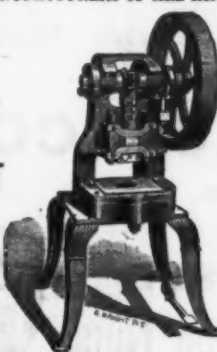
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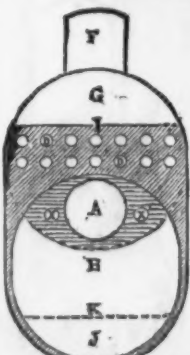
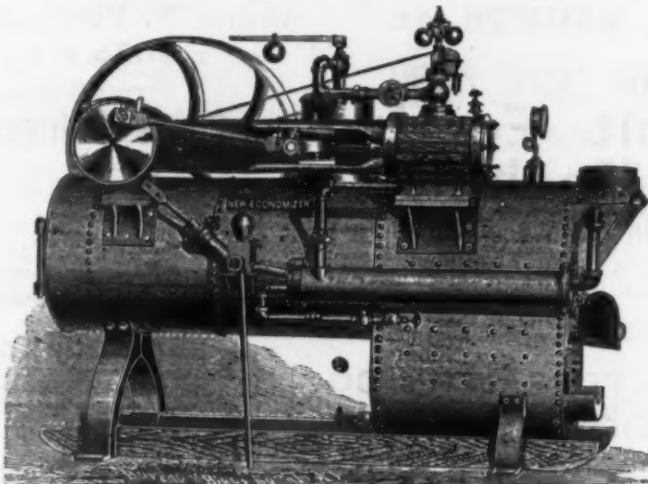
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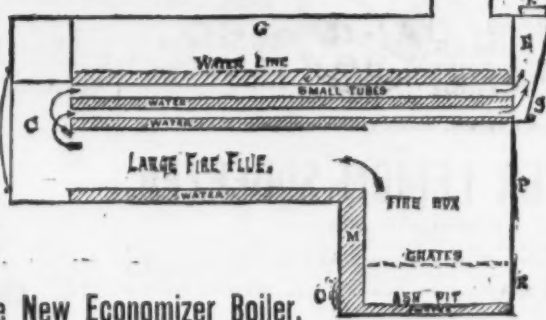
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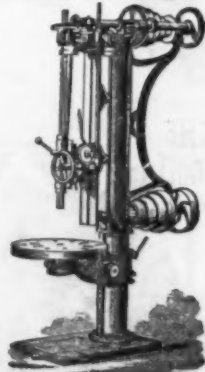
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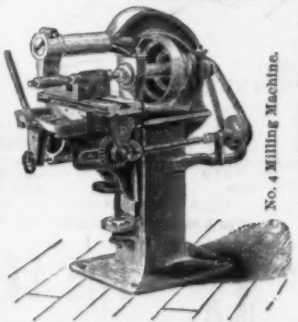


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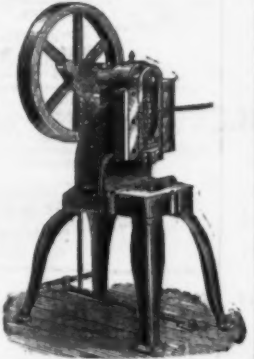
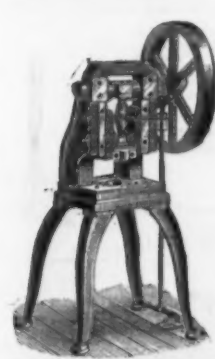
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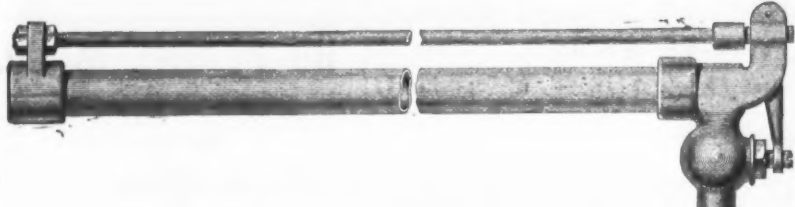
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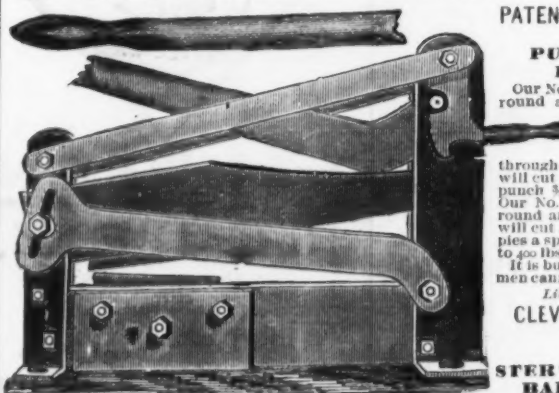
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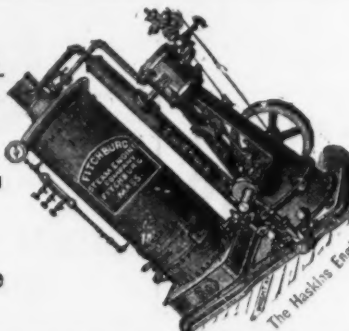


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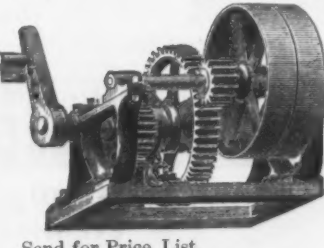
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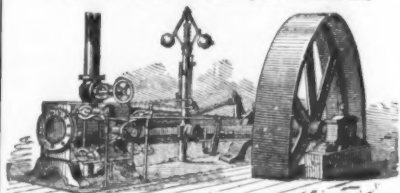
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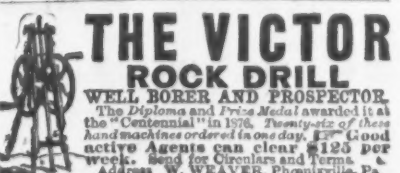
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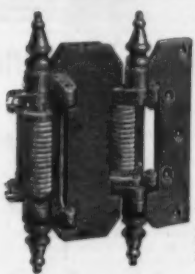
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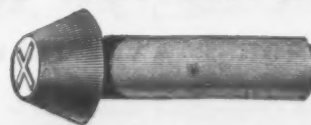
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